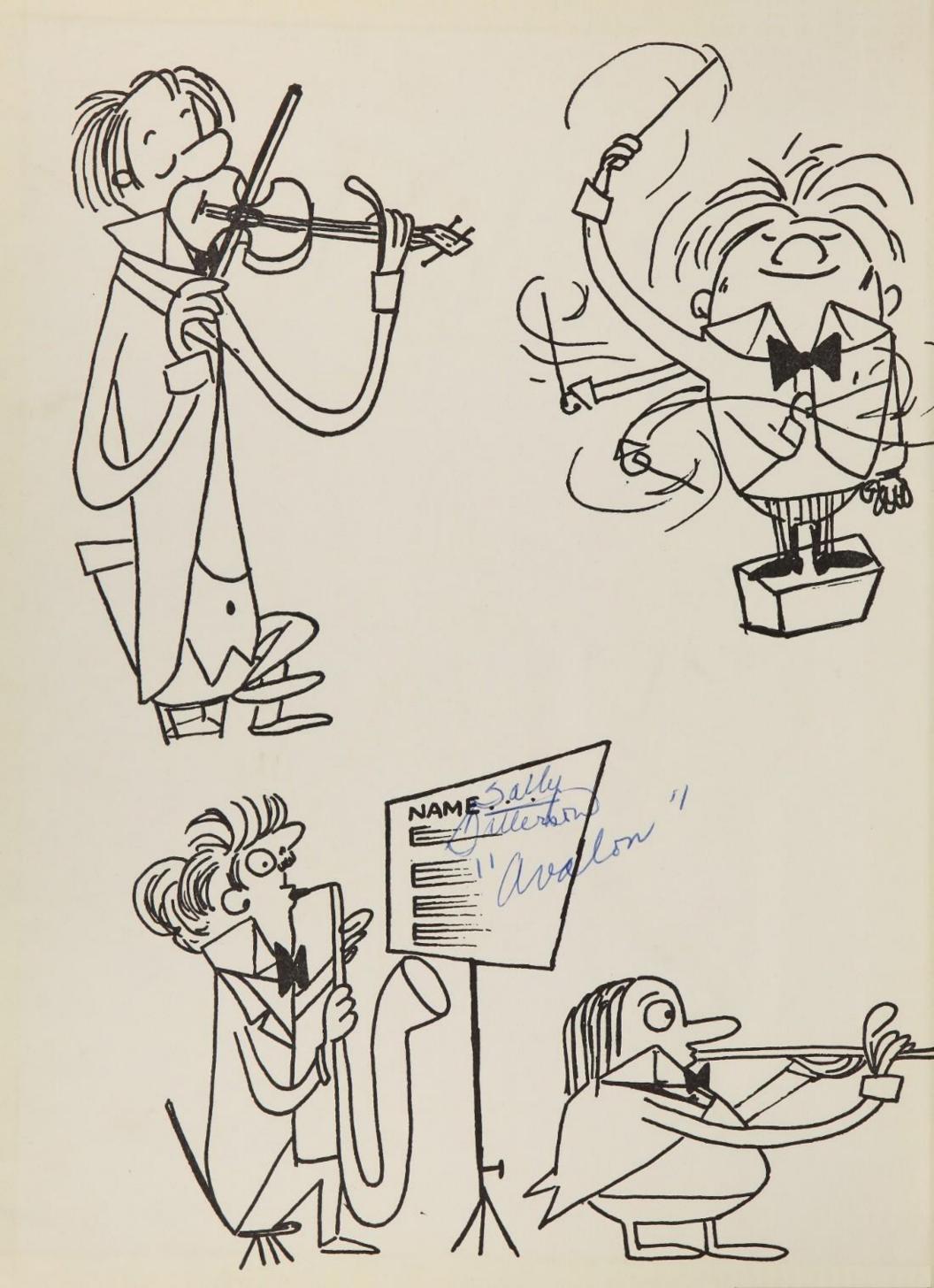
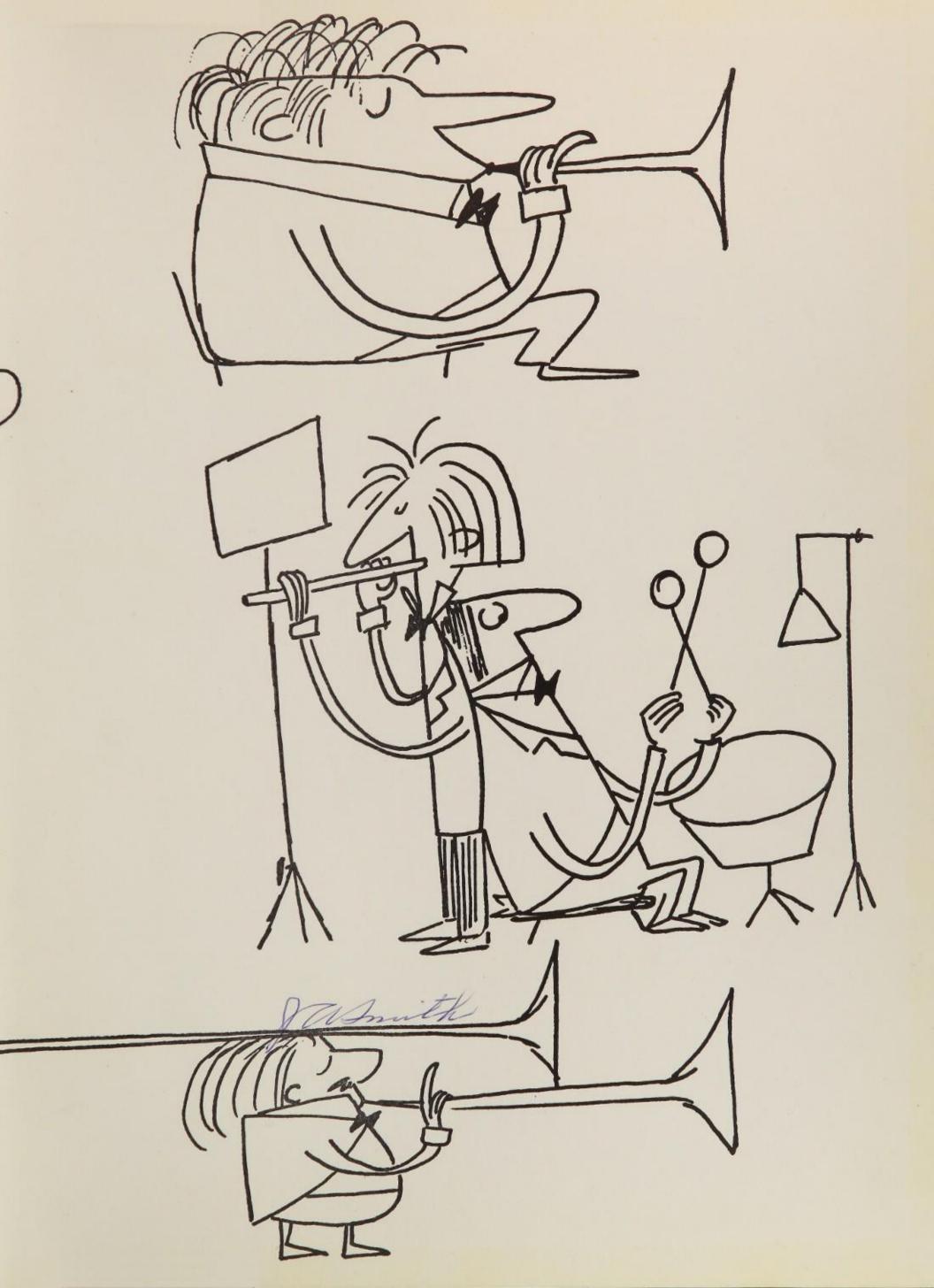
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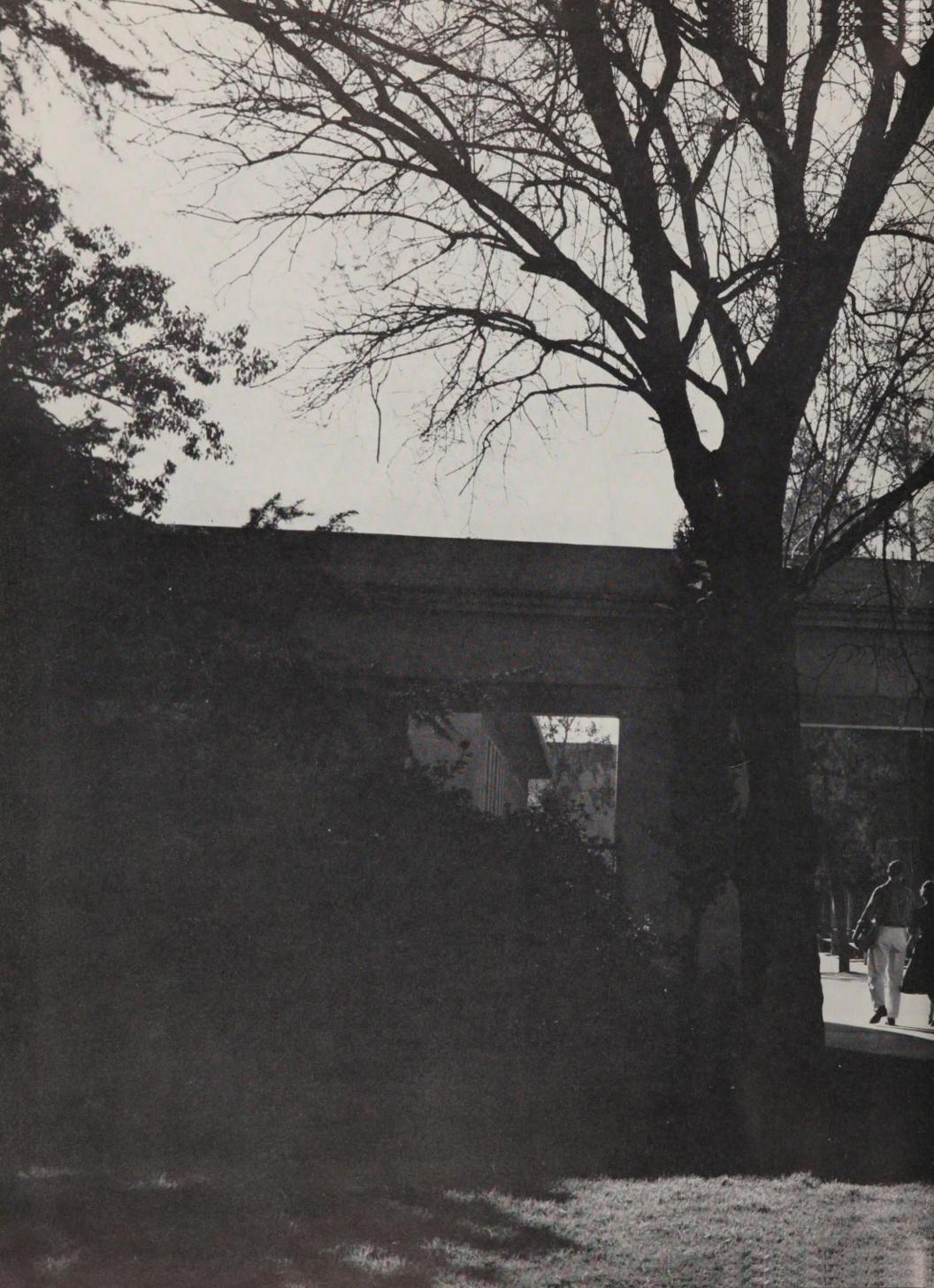




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# The Crimson and Gray of 1956 presents Recollections In Rhythm

Van Nuys High School Van Nuys, California





#### RECOLLECTIONS IN RHYTHM

Memories associate
The present with the past.
Music makes us contemplate
Impressions that will last.

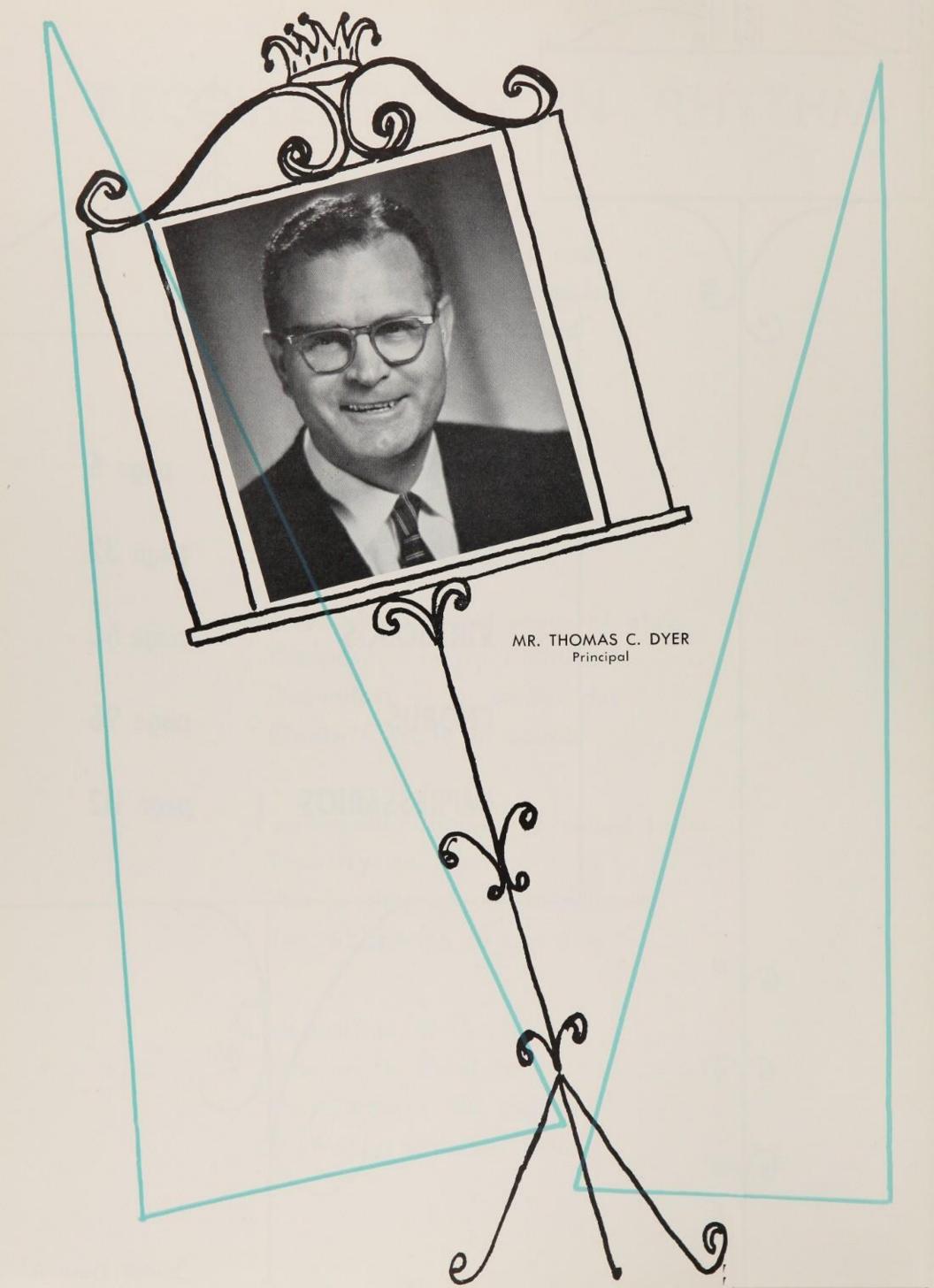
Universal language - - - notes
Of harmony and joy,
Melodies and anecdotes
A tune, a girl, a boy.

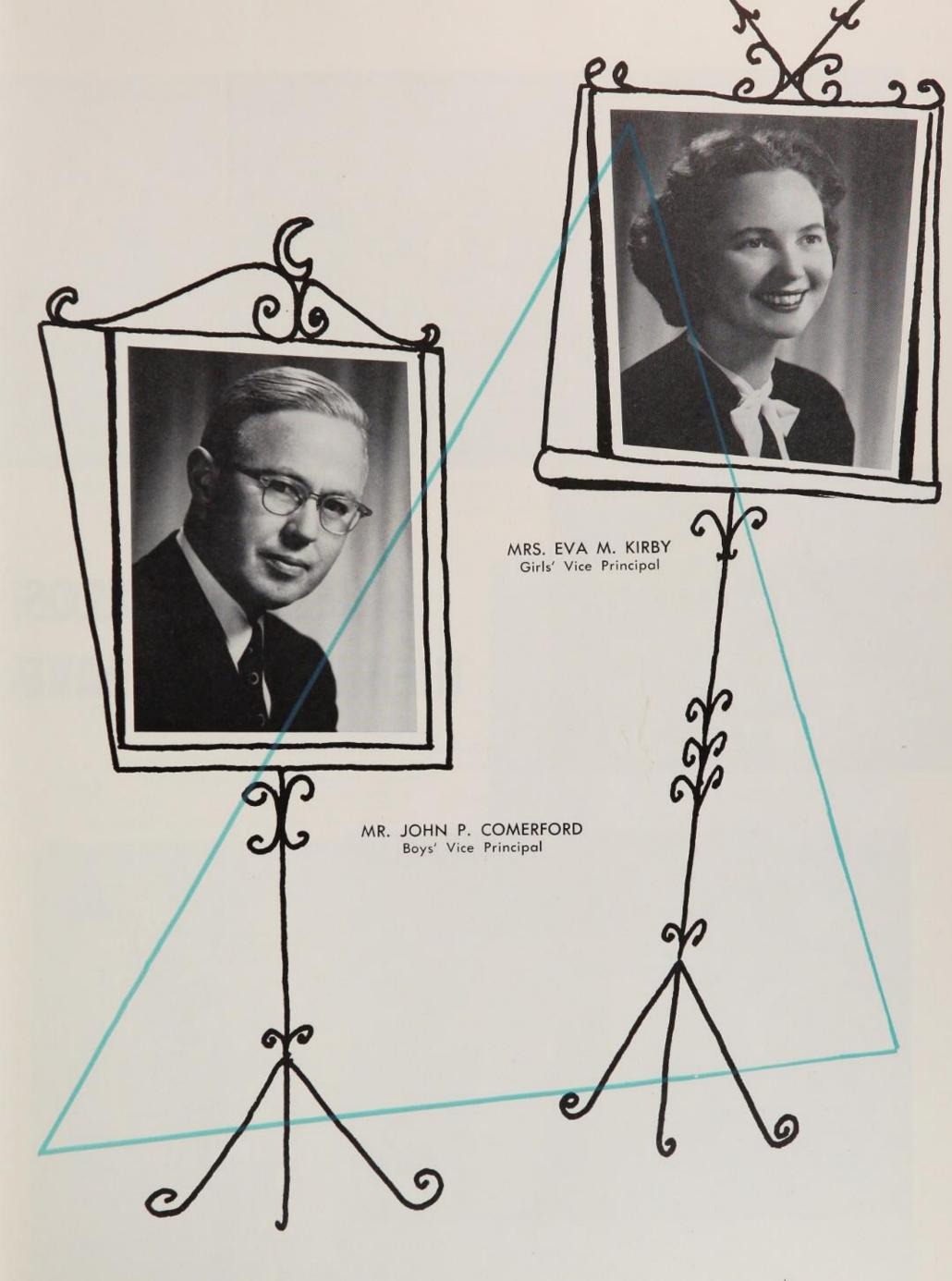
Songs of work and songs of play Compose a merry round. Reminders of an earlier day Create a world of sound.

nnumerable themes of varied tones
Tapestry our years - - The jangling of our telephones
The whispering in our ears.

Composition of Van Nuys - - Now we're about to part.
The graduate '56 replies
Your song is in my heart.









STUDENTS REPORT ON A RETORT



# THESE MAESTROS THEIR BATONS HAVE

Mr. Kroot shows Kathy and Diane how to get at the inside of a problem

Mr. Newman explains the Periodic Chart to captivated students





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Mr. Hallahan works with class members on a "shocking" experiment



SCIENCE FACULTY
FIRST ROW—Mr. Platner, Mr. Patton, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Hollinger.
SECOND ROW—Mr. Meyers, Mr. Newman, Mr. Becker.

# RECOGNITION EARN MADE US LEARN

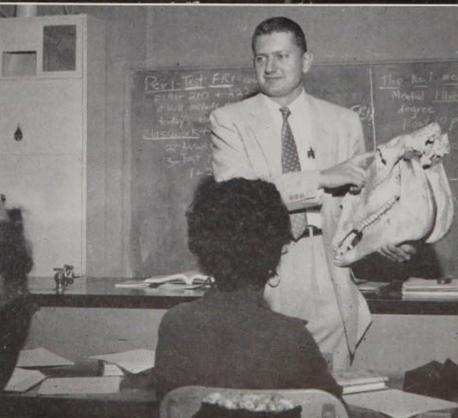
A DELICATELY BALANCED EXPERIMENT IN PHYSICS IS CONDUCTED BY MR. YOUNG

Mr. Falb shows that anyone can get "a head" in the world

"ZENOBIA" IS EXPOSED AGAIN BY MR. SMITH







# THEY PLAN OF WORKS

BARBARA AND HER FRIENDS ENJOY SECOND CHILDHOOD AS THEY INSPECT THE DOLL HOUSE USED BY THE DAY SCHOOL



KEEPING UP WITH THE STYLES, THE GIRLS LEARN TO PIN UP HEMS WITH MRS.

Moser's Help



Mrs. Ralston aids her class in sewing straight seams





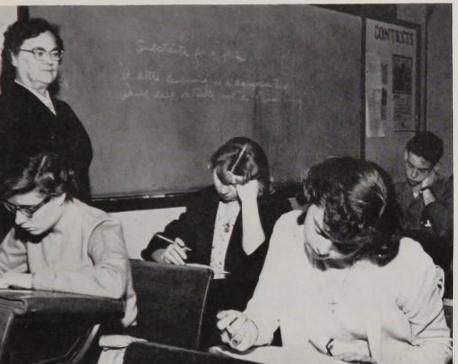
MISS PLUMMER HELPS AS THE GIRLS TRY A HAND AT GULINARY ART — MMM!

# THE SCORE TO BE



ENGLISH FACULTY

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Price, Miss McMillan, Mrs. Couch, Mrs. Munscher, Mrs. Betts. SECOND ROW—Mrs. Haggard, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Brocki, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gennette, Mr. Fellner, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Frisius, Mrs. Willamson, Mr. Whitehead.



But of luck always!

MRS. WILLIAMSON WATCHES HER DILIGENT

JOHN, BETTE AND RICK REHEARSE AS RON OPERATES THE REGORDER

Soo-Jan, Doug and Len debate the





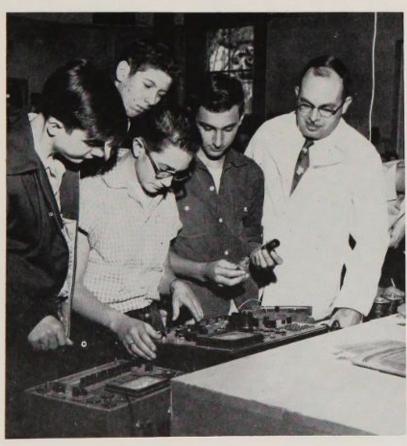


Mr. Wilson watches the sawdust fly as the boards are sanded



Exact measurements fit the requirements here

"Sound" judgment is displayed as the boys test the equipment with Mr, Kopp as guide



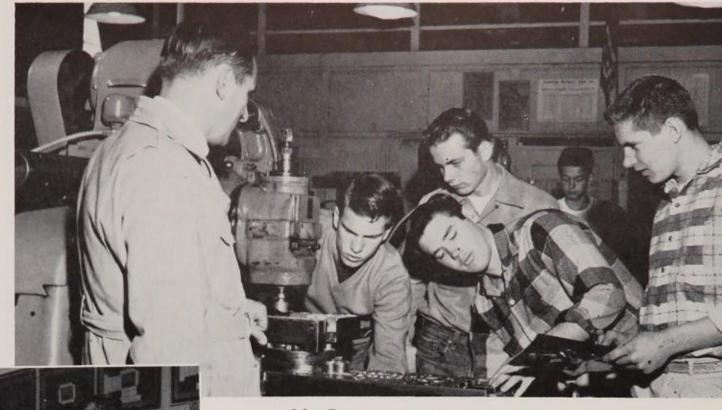
Mr. Hampton directs the mechanical eye as Quique strives for accuracy





PRODUCTS OF





Mr. Culwick approves the skillful drill team

Mr. Chambers makes a good impression in the print shop as the boys prepare to work

## A MAJOR KEY

STUDENTS INTENT IN BRAZING TWO JOINTS ARE SUPERVISED BY MR. GATES

Mr. Kirk explains the construction of tomorrow's dream house to John and his classmates







THE LATIN LANGUAGE GETS A WORKOUT 1 AS JOHN AND PAT DISPLAY A SCROLL

Mr. McClintock puts the accent on Spanish art

"C'est la vie!" Mrs. Gagne explains the passage in French to Joanne

## MANY TONGUES

THE SPANISH SERAPE IN FULL COLOR IS DISPLAYED BY MRS. DOMINGUEZ



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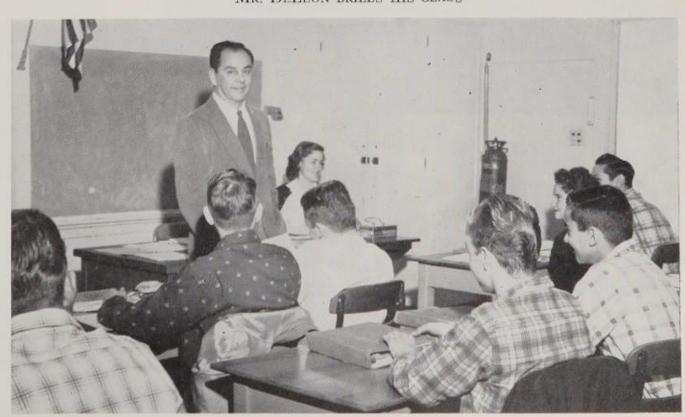
Talking about the excitement of another country, Mrs. HOLUBAR AND HER STUDENTS CONVERSE IN FRENCH

Mr. Moore drives the Royal Road with his pupils

## TOGETHER CHIME

Mr. DeLeon drills his class







Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Roberts review the creation of masterpieces



# HARMONY

Members of the Jewelry class make preparations to fire an ornament

Mr. Kenyon helps mold the shape of things to come



Sue, Mitzi and Marilyn are inspired by Mr. Weinstein to perform with perfection

# IN GOOD DESIGN

 $M_{R}$ . Depue and  $M_{RS}$ . Kautzenbach discuss the music as the feminine chorus awaits the que

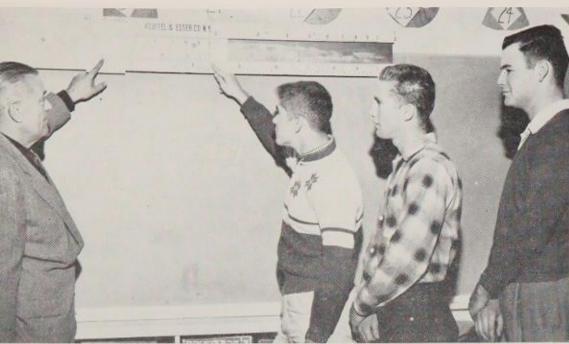


Mr. Sayre and his students derive full benefits from the record player





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#### METER IS

Mr. Drake shows the answer just slides into place



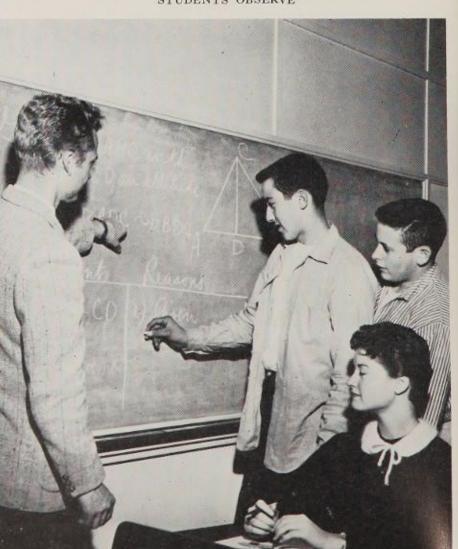
MATH FACULTY

Mr. Richardson, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Kubo, Mr. Kzanznak.



Ellanor explains her problem in algebra to Mr. Doerr proves his point as eager Miss Robb's class Students observe





#### THE PROJECT HERE

Mr. Vanesian explains how it's done



Mr. B. Friedman accentuates the positive



HANA WATCHES AS MR. C. FRIEDMAN COUNTS 'EM UP



A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION OF EQUIVALENTS IS GIVEN BY Mr. McCaffrey



 $M_{R}.\ Starr\ and\ M_{R}.\ McConnaughy\ have no fear when Jeanette is at the wheel$ 

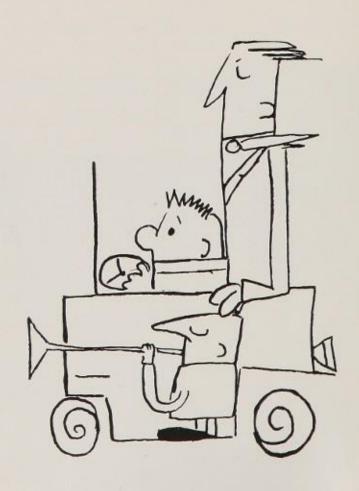


As a part of Driver Education, Mr. Ham keeps his students' eyes open

## WORLDLY VERSES,

STOP! LENGTH OF REACTION TIME IS DETERMINED BY MR. ORTEG





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SOCIAL STUDIES FACULTY

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Diether, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Benson, Mrs. Smythe, Mrs. Raffetto.

SECOND ROW—Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Feutz, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. C. Friedman, Mr. Lundquist, Mr. Elman.

ENID POINTS OUT THEIR DESTINATION TO MR. ROBINSON

# MODERN, NEAR



The branches of government are quickly trimmed from the book in Mrs. Stewart's class





MR. MADWIN LAYS DOWN THE LAW

These girls keep the books in order

# THE TUNE OF TYPE IS

BUSINESS FACULTY Mrs. Reed, Miss L. Foster, Mr. Little, Mrs. R. Friedman, Mrs. Skjelstad, Mr. Stridborg, Miss O'Hanlon.

Machines are given the business in Mrs. Shipley's class







Mr. Banduh claims concentration is needed for this "type" of work

#### DONE WITH CARE

Mr. Miller dictates the order of business here



Interviews like this, which Mr. Foster conducted, will lead to future jobs

#### CONDUCTORS OF

Dick Bowers President

#### WINTER '56 BOARD OF CONTROL

When the fall semester rolled around this year, the Winter '56 Board of Control convened as the student governing body. Presiding over the board at all of their meetings was Student Body President Dick Bowers. Acting jointly as vice-presidents were Girls' President Mary Heacock and Boys' President Seymore Hudosh. Secretary Carol McKanna efficiently took the minutes of all the board meetings and handled the correspondence. Managing the money of the student body was the duty of Treasurer Barbara Paisley, who ably took care of all financial matters. Due to the excellent planning of Commissioner of Assemblies Sandy Barr, many fine programs were seen by the students. Cricket Langford, commissioner of clubs, did much to regulate all club activities. The office of commissioner of halls and grounds was filled by Fred Mondragon. Representing the California Association of Student Councils on this semester's board were President Quique Graham and Secretary Frayda Deitchman.

Commissioner of Safety Gary Miller saw to it that dangers were reduced to a minimum during the first semester of this year. In charge of publicizing all activities around school was Margo Mercer, commissioner of publicity. Representing school publications such as the Annual and the Mirror was Commissioner of Publications Chickie Lava. Serving as parliamentarian of the board was the Commissioner of Scholarship Sue Hoffman. Laurie Blaine held the position of commissioner of school service. Directing all social functions of the student body was Janet Hall, commissioner of social activities. Jon Kelly served on the board as head yell leader. The Senior A and Senior B classes were represented by their presidents, Tee Bosustow and Denny Powers, respectively. Miss G. Keough furnished the supervision and advice for the Board of Control during the winter semester.

W'56 BOARD OF CONTROL

S. Barr, G. Miller, C. Langford, D. Powers, T. Bosustow, C. McKanna, D. Bowers, M. Heacock, S. Hudosh, B. Paisley, F. Mondragon, F. Deitchman, L. Blaine, Q. Graham, Miss Keough.



#### THE MAJOR THEMES

#### SUMMER '56 BOARD OF CONTROL

As the popular choice of the student body, Denny Powers was elected to the office of Student Body President for the second term of the 1955-56 school year. Denny proved very capable in executing the duties of his position. He was assisted in the leadership of the guys and gals by Boys' President Fred Mondragon and Girls' President Marie Sweeney. Attentively taking the minutes of all board meetings was Secretary Jo Ann Bertotti. The job of penny pinching went to Kathleen McCarty, student body treasurer.

Representing the Mirror, the Annual, and the Winged Pen on the board was Commissioner of Publications Sue Hollingworth. Seen searching the campus for dangers to life, limb, or property was the Commissioner of Safety Carroll Jacobs. A good job of planning and coordinating all assemblies was done by Patty Christie. Keeping track of all service points was Commissioner of School Service Donna Ward. The job of publicizing many activities around school went to Karen Williams, commissioner of publicity. Jerry Brown spent much time scanning the halls and grounds for any trace of trash or loose paper. Organizing social functions of the student body was Commissioner of Social Activities Laura Jo Combs. Joanne Rosales did a fine job in representing the scholars on the Board of Control as commissioner of scholarship. All clubs of the campus were ably represented by their delegate, Dede Dietrich. The Avalon Class President Dick Somers and the Senior "B" President Mike McFadden were on the board acting as spokesmen and representatives for their respective classes. Jim Fiedler held the office of Head Yell Leader. Finishing up their year long term of office were the president and secretary of the California Association of Student Councils, Quique Graham and Frayda Deitchman. As usual, Miss Keough provided excellent sponsorship for the Board of Control this semester.



Denny Powers President

S'56 BOARD OF CONTROL
FIRST ROW—D. Dietrich, K. McCarty, K. Williams, J. Bertotti, F. Mondragon, M. Sweeney, P. Christie, D. Somers, Miss Keough.
SECOND ROW—M. McFadden, J. Brown, L. Combs, C. Jacobs, J. Rosales, S. Hollingworth, D. Ward, J. Fiedler, Q. Graham.





W'56 GIRLS' ACTIVITY BOARD S. Eble, C. Hoffman, S. Miller, M. Sweeney, M. Heacock, Miss Feutz, C. Baker, H. Cannon, G. Strangman, N. Fairchilds, P. Christie.

W'56 President Mary Heacock

#### VOICES BLEND

S'56 President Marie Sweeney



Interest in girls' affairs was stimulated by the Girls' Activity Board. One of the events included on the calendar of activities was an assembly which acquainted new girls with members of the Activity Board. Sponsorship of a contest in good grooming was another project of the Activity Board. This project was originated to encourage good grooming and neatness.

Officers of the Girls' Activity Board during the fall semester were Mary Heacock, president; Claudia Baker, vice-president; Marie Sweeney, secretary, and Kathleen McCarty, treasurer. Carla Hoffman, Marie Sweeney and Gloria Strangman held the positions of Ladies' President, G.A.A. President and Lettergirls' President, respectively. In the spring semester Marie Sweeney held the position of president, and Colleen O'Sullivan, Terry Toland and Phyllis Burton assisted her in the offices of vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Sandy Barr, Mimi Lassiter and Margo Mercer served as Ladies' President, G.A.A. President and Lettergirls' President, respectively, during the spring.

S'56 GIRLS' ACTIVITY BOARD

FIRST ROW—P. Baker, P. Burton, M. Sweeney, C. O'Sullivan, T. Toland. SECOND ROW—F. Anderson, L. Roman, J. Mayo, L. Blumenstock, B. Swan, M. M. Mazzarino, M. Mercer, M. C. Mazzarino. THIRD ROW—N. Jackson, M. Lassiter, S. Barr, R. Hathcock, J. Brewer, M. Hunt, G. Graham,







W'56 BOYS' ACTIVITY BOARD
FIRST ROW—S. Hudosh, J. Fuller, G. Beaufait. SECOND ROW—G. Miller, G. Barnes, D. Betts, B. Gordon, G. Jones.
THIRD ROW—Evan Olins, J. Halverson.

#### AS DIRECTING TEAMS

The boys of Van Nuys High were led ably all year by an enterprising activity board. The board presented two interesting assemblies and strove to undertake all the problems of the Boys' Student Body.

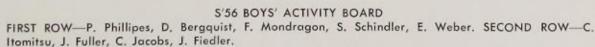
Taking charge of the board were Boys' Student Body Presidents Seymore Hudosh and Fred Mondragon, who received assistance from Boys' Vice-Presidents George Barnes and Dick Bergquist, and Secretary-Treasurers Jon Fuller and Shep Schindler. Representing other organizations on the board were Bob Gordon and Pete Phillipes, Key Club; Gary Miller and Carroll Jacobs, Safety Club; Dean Betts, Lettermen; Evan Olins and Ernie Weber, Glee Club; Dave Luce and Jerry Vaccaro, F.F.A.; Jack Halverson and Cliff Itomitsu, Knights; Gary Beaufait and Bill Matson, Squires; Jon Fuller, R.O.T.C.; Jon Kelly and Jim Fiedler, head yell leaders.

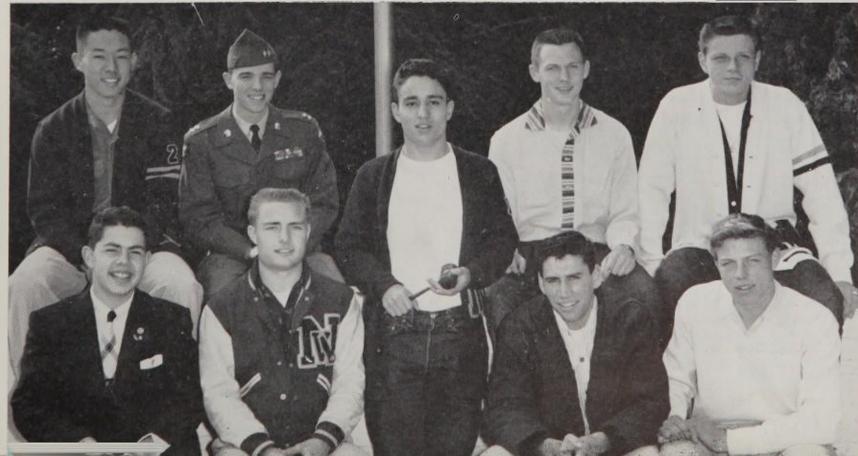
Much credit is due the Boys' Activity Board for all the fine work that they have done. Many thanks go to the sponsors, Mr. Miles and Mr. McCaffrey, for their advice and counseling.

W'56 President Seymore Hudosh



S'56 President Fred Mondragon







REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST ROW—N. Oyer, C. Badger, S. Woefberg, B. Chambers, P. Wells, B. Rosen, P. Christie, M. Sweeney, S. Klann, B. Cheng, A. Fleck, J. Arledge, I. Earle, L. Foulkes. SECOND ROW—J. Rosales, F. Mondragon, T. Beck, R. Norvell, D. Chase, C. Bruno, A. Miller, M. Mazzarino, E. Thomas, S. Coleman, L. Huffine, P. Gustafson, J. Hammond, D. Ward, K. Davison. THIRD ROW—B. Peters, T. Hollander, D. Lee, K. McCarty, B. Kelly, C. Rossie, G. Barnes, R. McCart, P. Fowles, S. Schulman, T. Halhook, J. Miller, L. Butow, C. Puleo. FOURTH ROW — P. Knox, J. Fielder, S. Lotz, S. Cooley, L. Stern, M. Salvaneschi, T. Pelky, C. Rayl, B. Wyneken, G. Figelski, Q. Graham, G. Selders, D. Powers.

#### REPRESENTATION WITHOUT A REST

With the help of each student, through the second period class representatives, the student self government skillfully handled the many drives and campaigns this year. The Board of Control, meeting with the representatives, held discussions for the purpose of improving our campus. The functioning of the Representative Council, under the leadership of Dick Bowers and Denny Powers, raised school morale and stimulated strong support for the many sports events and social activities.



#### REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST ROW.—C. Withers, D. Marshall, K. Williams, H. Hudson, H. Wachs, L. Johnson, K. Smith, D. Levin, J. Bertotti, J. Brown. SECOND ROW.—C. Berg, L. Combs, T. Toland, S. Silverman, P. Burton, L. Graham, C. Ladon, S. Wood, B. Pearson, L. Robards, D. Dietrich, S. Talley, N. Gould. THIRD ROW.—D. Johnston, D. Rowe, S. Hollingworth, D. Traub, M. McFadden, R. Ringo, J. Rankin, J. McNeill, N. Nagle, J. Otchis, M. Heinz, T. Trau, S. Kelly, B. Cox. FOURTH ROW.—S. Sommers, B. Greenberg, A. Levine, M. Mehon, D. Robb, G. Green, D. Guillans, D. Swendson, C. Jacobs, G. Weber, M. Hooper, D. Somers.

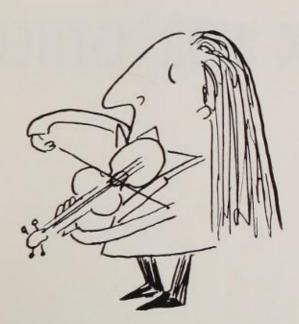
#### THE TONE OF HELP IS RENDERED BEST



HEALTH OFFICE Mrs. E. Freeman, G. Downing, P. Greger.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
J. Rischmann, S. Kaye, Mr. A. Stridborg, J. Walgren.





MAIN OFFICE B. Budworth, Mrs. L. Swanson, Mrs. S. Emanuel, Mrs. E. Mathews, Mrs. G. Galbraeth, Mrs. L. Herbert, C. Miller, Mrs. M. Griffin.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE
FIRST ROW—Mr. K. Gunn, S. Modell, Miss C. Benson, Mrs.
S. Siegel, C. Karlstad, S. Newell, A. Kingston, S. Lynch,
M. McBee. SECOND ROW—G. Ilett, A. Hamilton, Mrs. D.
Wheeler, Mr. E. Means.





GARDENERS Mr. F. Hiebert, Mr. R. Baumann, Mr. R. Nalley.

#### CAFETERIA STAFF

FIRST ROW—Mrs. E. McHaney, Mrs. C. Whitmer, Mrs. O. Kuehn, Mrs. V. Monell, Mrs. M. Harper, Mrs. M. Hemstreet. SECOND ROW — Mrs. A. Delling, Mrs. J. Nelson, Mrs. V. James, Mr. A. Fitzgibbons, Mrs. E. Willey, Mrs. I. Grover, Mrs. P. Watt.

## WORK FOR OTHERS

#### CUSTODIANS

FIRST ROW—Mr. H. Roach, Mr. W. Goeppinger, Mrs. K. Palguta, Mrs. A. Matzenbacher, Mrs. O. Smith, Mr. R. Fisher. SECOND ROW—Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. I. Prince, Mr. C. Doty, Mr. D. Carr, Mr. G. Schnieder, Mr. W. Lynes, Mr. L. Maxwell.





STUDENT STORE

FIRST ROW—B. Ruddisk, S. Crebs, K. McCarty. SECOND ROW—J. Hill, S. Boyd, J. Clements, Mr. N. Brown, Mrs. M. Major, J. Berkshire, J. Eisleben.

#### GUIDANCE OFFICE

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Geiler, Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. Reed, Miss Young, Mrs. Thompson, SECOND ROW—Mrs. Moser, Mr. Whitehead, Mrs. Galbraeth, Mr. Falb, Mr. Elman, Mrs. Herbert, Mr. McCallister.



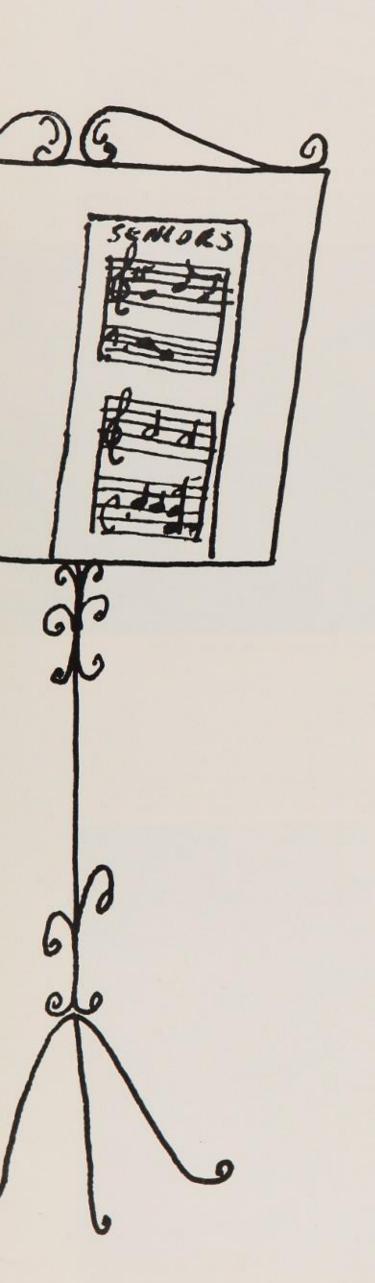


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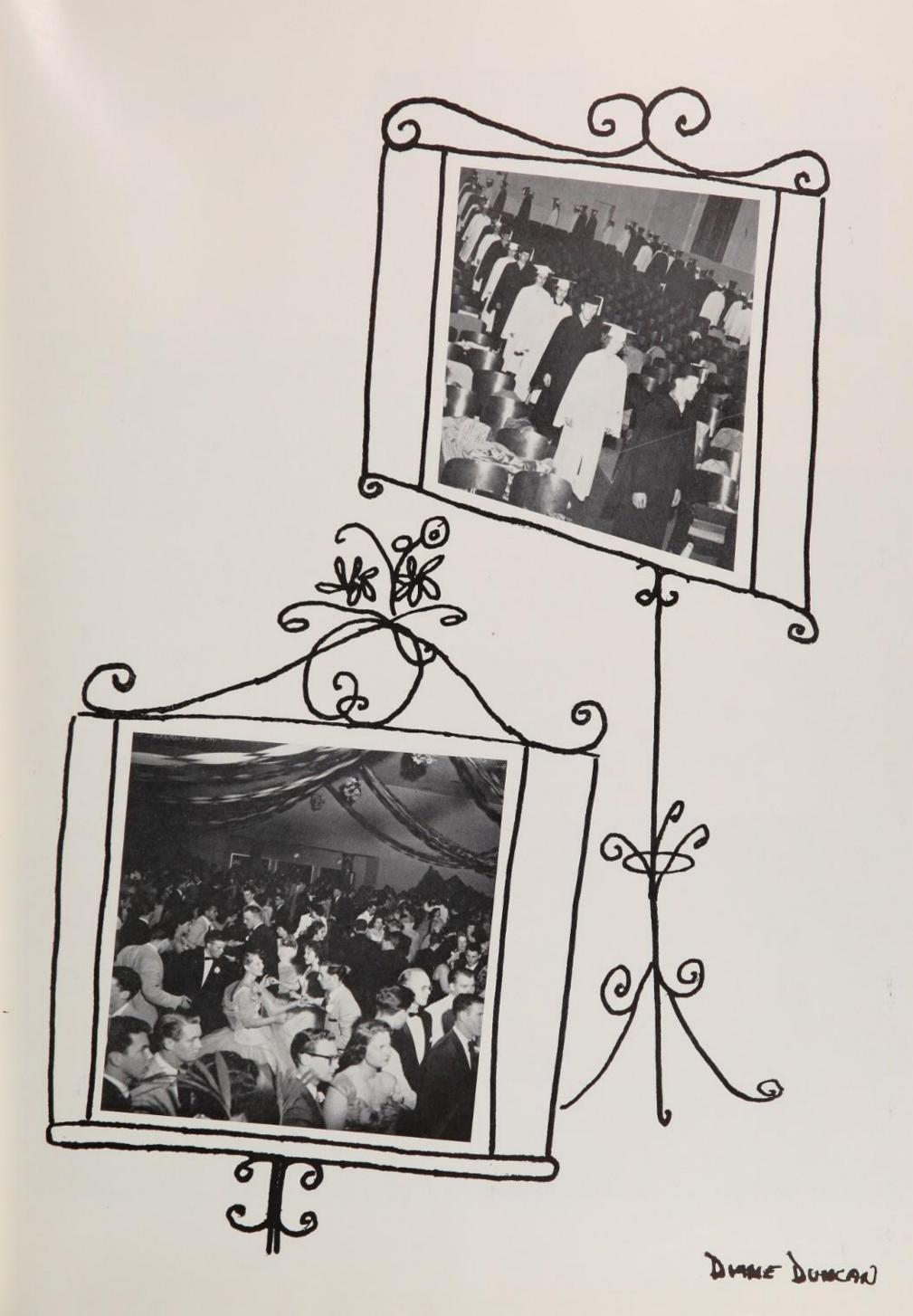
Mr. J. Sturm, Mr. W. Caulk, Mr. E. Brooks, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. O. Benfield, Mr. Riley Stuart.











### **EPHEBIANS**



Richard Bowers



Mary Heacock



Seymore Hudosh



Kathleen McCabe



Carol McKanna



Gloria Strangman

The greatest honor that can be attained by a senior at Van Nuys High School is to become an Ephebian. The Ephebian Society is an organization founded hundreds of years ago by a few Greek men who were of outstanding scholarship, leadership and character. The Ephebian Society of today is carried on by a comparably distinguished group of people who must possess those same noble qualities, plus an interest in civic affairs. Each semester at Van Nuys High School the faculty, together with the graduating class, selects the outstanding members in the class to become associated with this society. Those who have achieved Ephebian membership realize that not only have they been honored, but also that they have been given an opportunity to serve their fellow man and their community.

#### POLYNESIAN STEERING COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW — K. McCabe, S. Hardt, L. Smith. SECOND ROW—D. White, L. Hyams, V. Frederick, D. Edmondson, A. Figoff, C. Christie. THIRD ROW — J. Hart, B. Perkins, G. Chiarello, G. Weinstock, L. Smith, D. Skersick, T. Bosustow.

#### POLYNESIAN OFFICERS

D. White, D. Edmondson, L. Smith, K. McCabe, T. Bosustow.





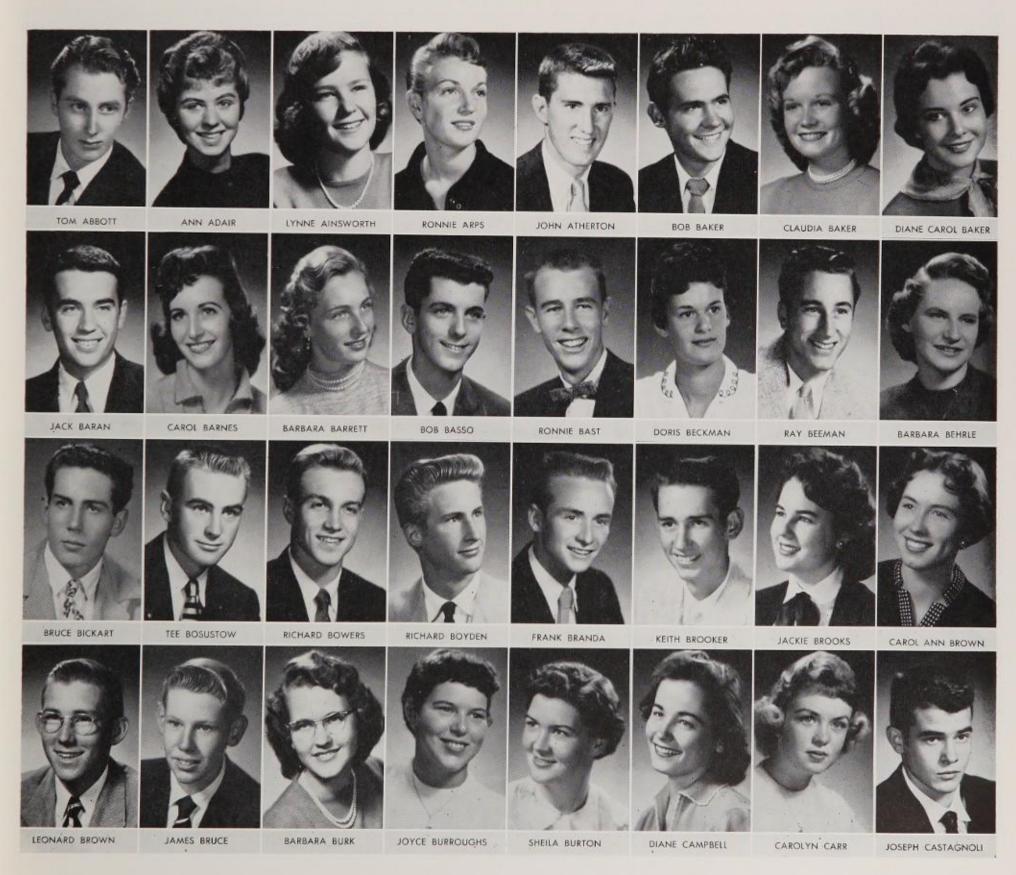
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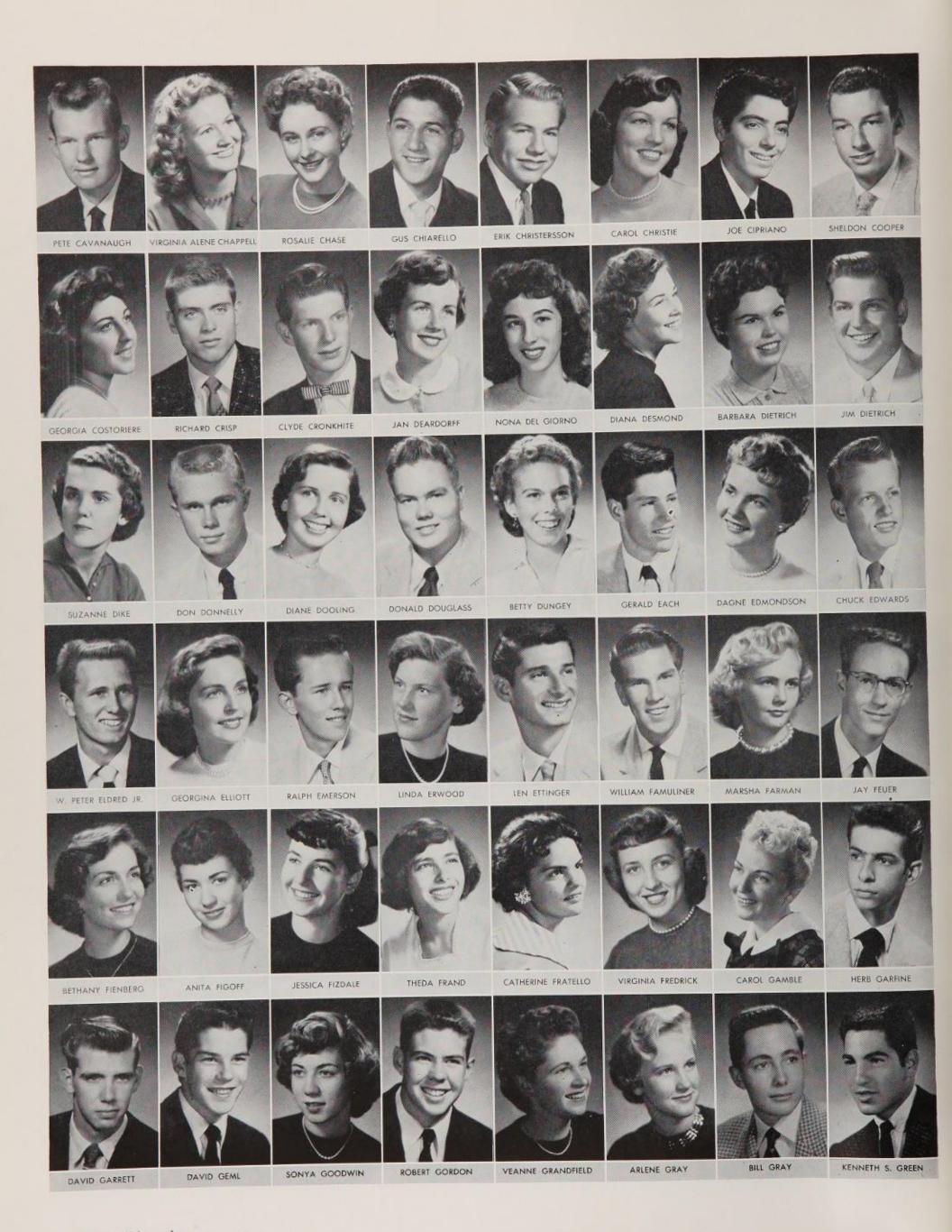
### **Polynesians**



### Winter 1956

The class of Winter 1956 adopted the name Polynesian to represent its members. Through the centuries the Polynesians have been known for their friendliness and commendable traditions. Tee Bosustow presided over the class with Lloyd Smith assisting him as vice-president. Kathy McCabe and Dianne White shared the secretarial job, and Dagne Edmondson served as treasurer. The Polynesian emblem was planned around an appropriate motto: "Peace, Happiness, and Friendship." In the emblem the palm branch symbolized peace; the ukelele, happiness; and the lei, friendship. Together they comprise what the Polynesians felt was a symbol yet to be surpassed. The sincere thanks of the Polynesians are passed on to Mr. Bernard Madwin, Miss Phyllis Taylor and Mr. Donaho Hall, class sponsors, who helped to make it easier to accomplish the class goals.









KING RICHARD AND QUEEN MARY OBSERVE THE COURT IN REGAL SPLENDOR

# THE ISLANDERS CHANT IN REGAL DESCANT

POLYNESIAN LUNCHEON COMMITTEE
FIRST ROW—S. Harrison, L. Smith. SECOND ROW—S. Harms, E. Christersson, J. Baran, G. Costoriere, D. Skersick.

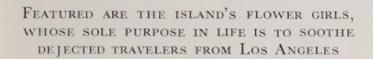
POLYNESIAN CANDLELIGHT COMMITTEE
FIRST ROW—B. Perkins, R. Crisp, B. Baker. SECOND ROW—J. Wintenberg, C. Hoffman, A. Figoff, C. Sayen, C. Fratello. THIRD ROW—A. Adair, S. Hudosh, D. Baker, J. Burroughs, D. Desmond, E. Toye, D. Tutini.





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**ACTIVITY DAY** 



THIS CELEBRATION CALLS FOR A HULA BY CHOSEN DANCERS ON THE ISLAND

Solemn members of the California Committee on Smog Research seek Further news from the Polynesian Isles

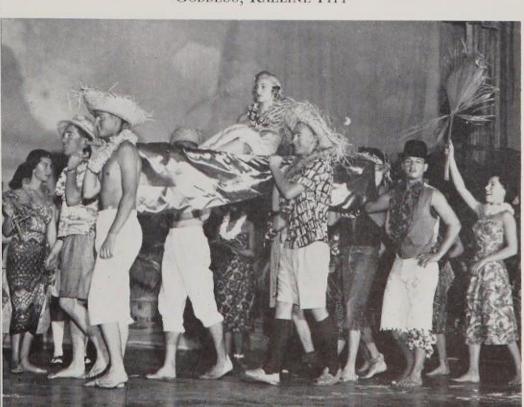


"Polynesian Paradise" was the theme of the traditional Activity Day program honoring the Polynesians and their guests. Through the combined efforts of Beth Feinberg and George Weinstock, student directors, and all the members of the cast, an hilarious event was presented. Playing major roles in the program were Evan Olins as Doctor von Schtrudel, Buck McCary as John Cameron Whoozey, and Phil Hart as Edward R. Burrow. There were approximately ninety Polynesians participating in the program, which included solos sung by Diane Tutini and Jill Wittenberg. Jessica Fizdale and Chickie Lava entertained the audience by singing a duet. The "Royal Family Plus Two" did a routine to a Polynesian record. The singing of the class song was the climax of the program. The Polynesians were given a luau following the program. This ended what was felt by all to be a perfect day.

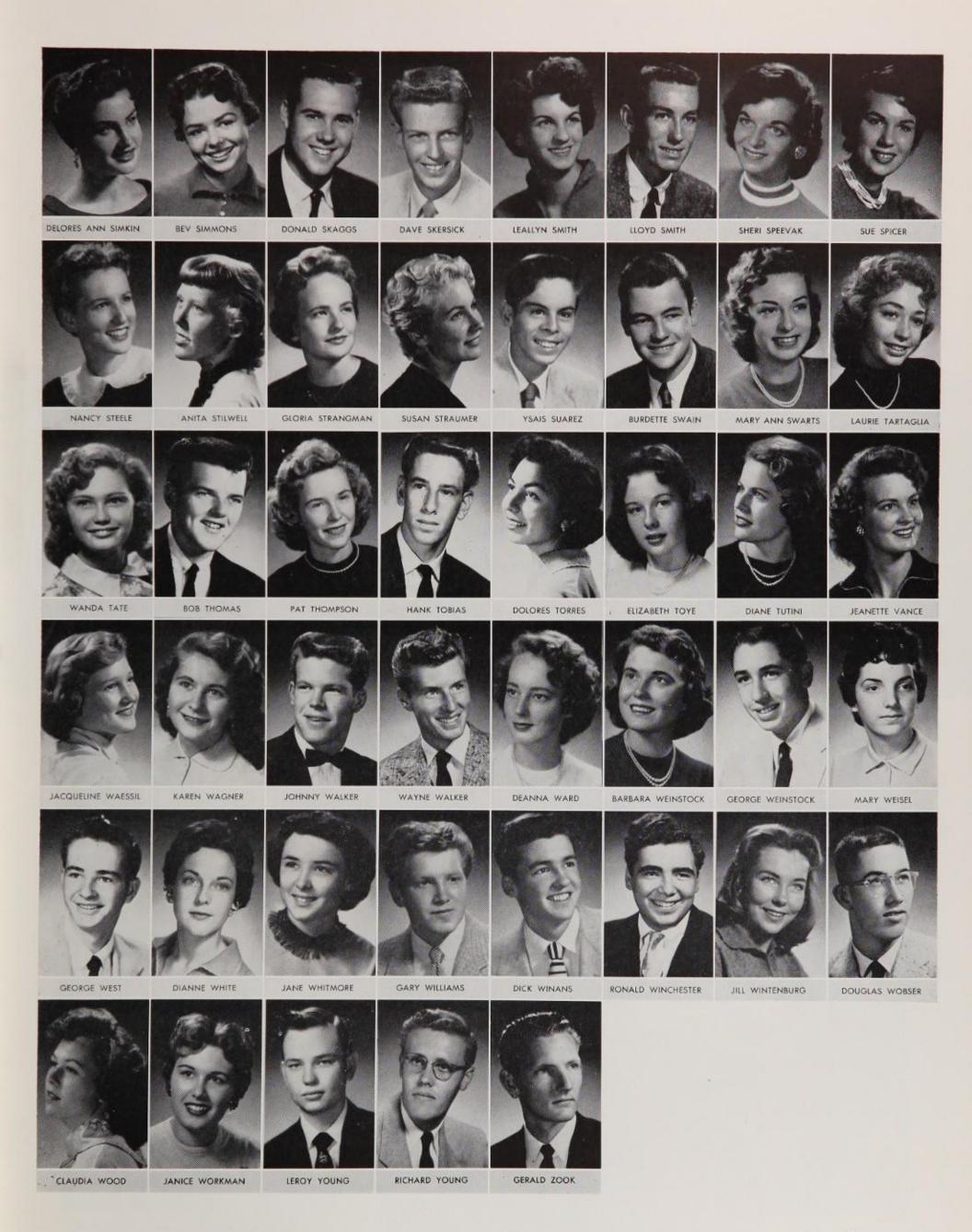
MEANWHILE, ON THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND, POLYNESIANS LIVE IT UP

The dignified procession bears the White Goddess, Raeline Pitt









#### **AVALONS**



## SUMMER '56

AVALON B-12 OFFICERS
FIRST ROW—D. Powers, J. Bertotti, J. Myers, A. Jamieson, C. Brown. SECOND ROW—D. Oatey, D. Mesirow, K. Cleveland, D. Ward.

AVALON A-12 OFFICERS
FIRST ROW—A. Jamieson, D. Somers, D. Mesirow. SECOND
ROW—I. Quenzler, S. Barr, J. Myers, S. Hoffman.





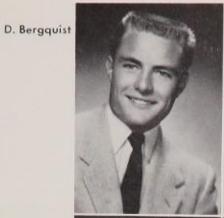
Largest class ever to graduate from Van Nuys High School was the distinction given to the S'56 Avalons. Not only was the class great in quantity, but likewise outstanding in quality. Working as a group, under the able supervision of Mr. H. Foster, Mrs. M. Reed, and Miss R. Shaw, reliable cooperation was received from the class members, so that all the many activities were successfully held. The Avalons strove diligently and tirelessly in accomplishing one of the best campus clean-up jobs that the school had ever seen. Presiding over the class in the B-12 semester was President Denny Powers, while Dick Somers took over the presidency for the A-12 semester. Truly remarkable were all the Avalon officers who served so faithfully for the benefit of the class.

AVALON CLASS SPONSORS Mrs. Reed, Mr. Foster, Miss Shaw.





S. Barr



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F. Deitchman



S. Eble



J. Fuller



A. Herzberg



S. Hoffman

### **EPHEBIANS**

C. Itomitsu G. Miller

I. Quenzler



C. Langford

M. Mercer

D. Mesirow
D. Powers



D. Somers

















F. Mondragon

D. Oatey

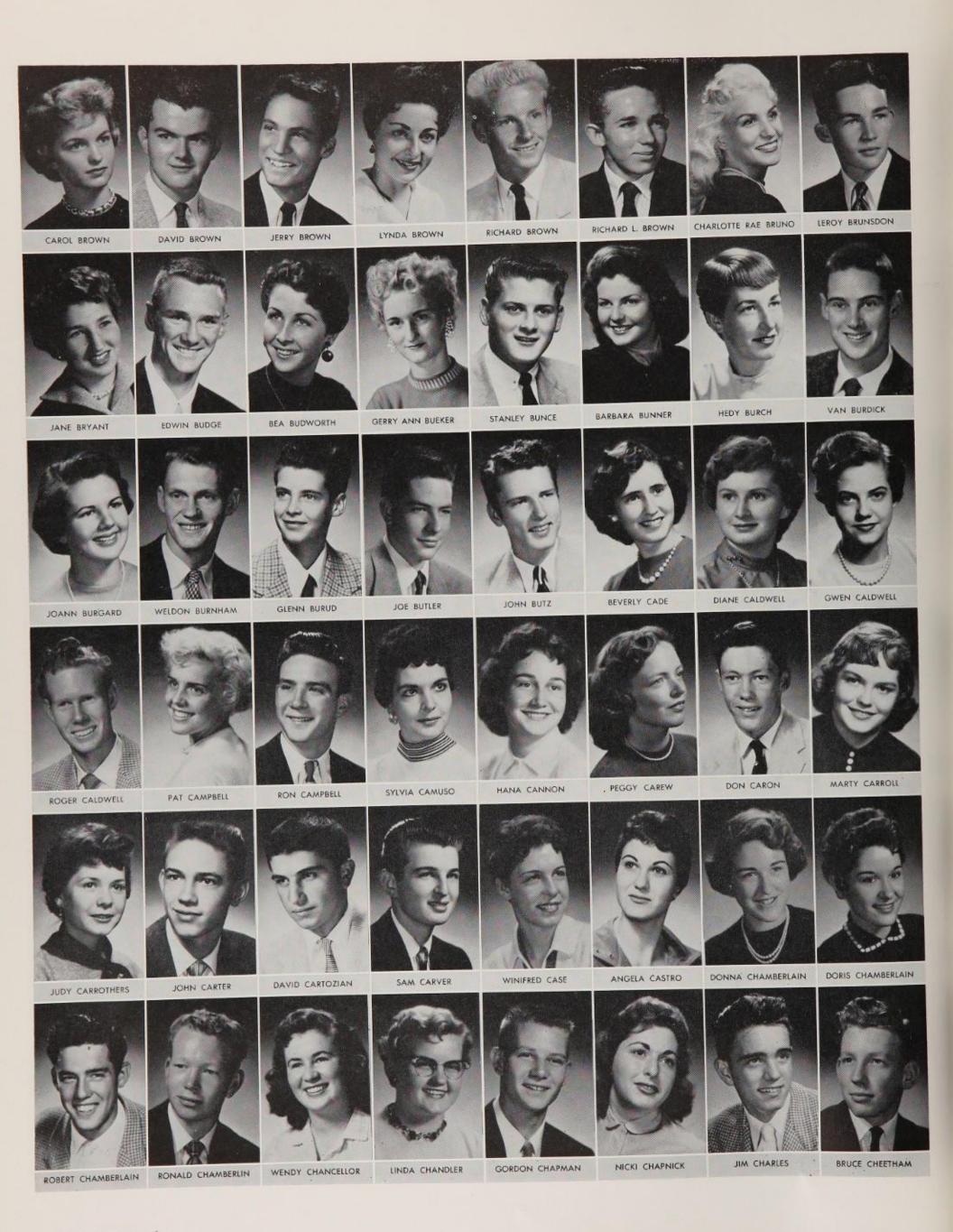




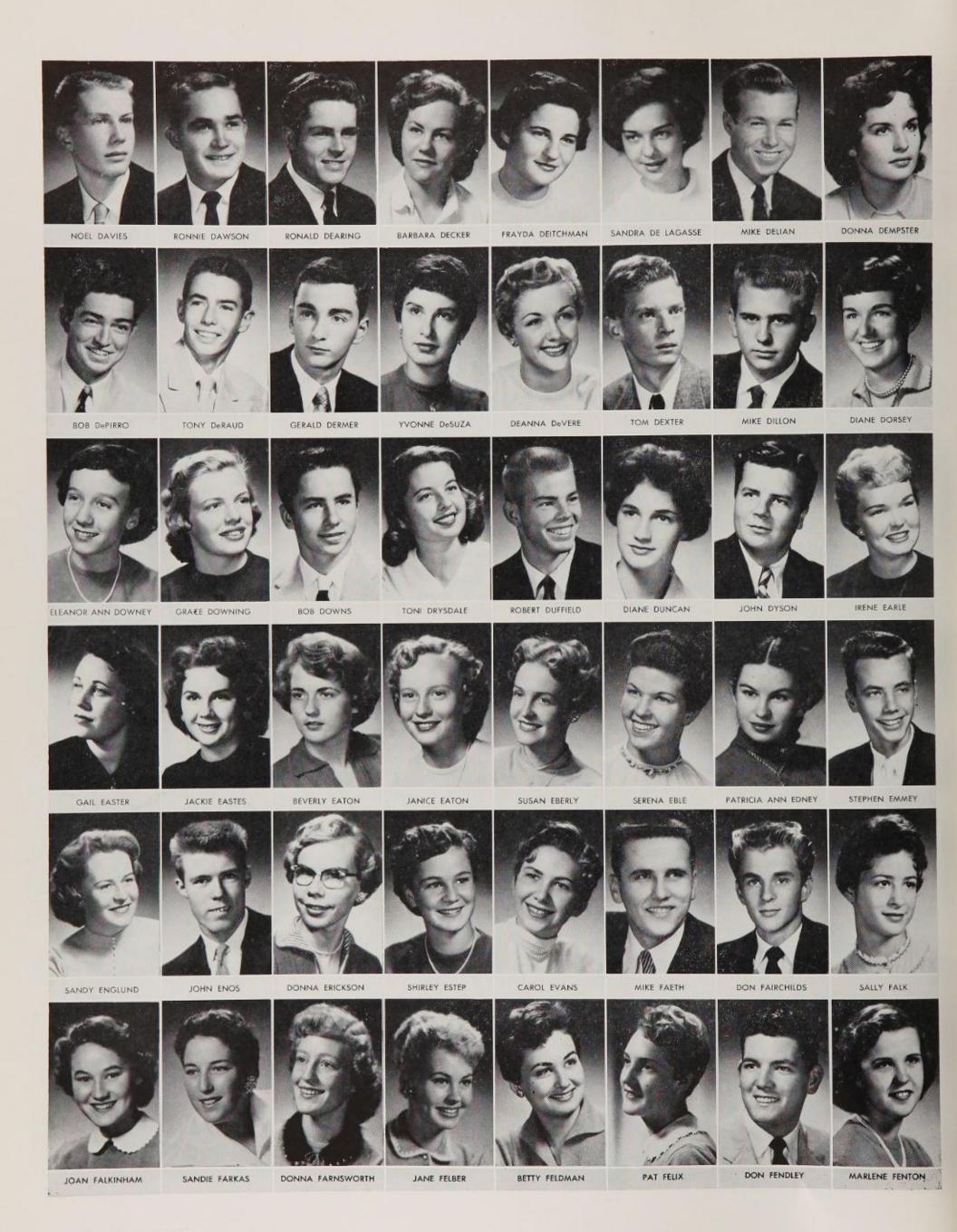
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PERRY FERGUSON



MARCIA FETTERLY



BETTE FIELDS



GARY FIGELSKI



EDWARD FINEMAN



AVALON A-12 STEERING COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—I. Quenzler, S. Barr, S. Hoffman, M. Lewis, B. Nelson, M. Bowman. SECOND ROW—B. Budworth, K. McCarty, A. Fleck, D. Beck, M. Mercer. THIRD ROW—S. Camuso, J. Cwayna, D. Oatey, W. McPheeters, J. Rischmann, D. Appleton, G. Miller.



PHIL FIRESTONE



DAVE FISHER



DORIS FISHER



JERRY FISHER





PAT FLANNERY



JEFFRY FLAUM



ARTHA FLECK



HECTOR FLORES



LEONA FOLEY



VINCENT FONTE



LILLIAN FOOTE



ED FOSSUM



BARBARA FOUNTAIN



PETER FOWLES



RONNIE FRANCO



CAROLE FREEMAN



MILTON FREEMAN



JOANN FRIDKIN



LARRY FROMM



JIM FROST



JON FULLER





NITA GALL



JON GARDNER



HANK GARFIELD



DRUSILLA ANN GAYLE



FAITH GELHAR



BRUCE GELSINGER



MICHAEL GERAGHTY



GAEL GERIEN



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Dan and his friends model the latest style in the AVALONS' wardrobe



DENNY ACCEPTS THE POLYNESIANS'
CHALLENGE

#### AVALON RECOGNITION DAY

Avalon sweaters were donned as Recognition Day got underway with an assembly presided over by Dick Bowers, who introduced the Polynesian and Avalon class presidents. They, in turn, presented their class officers.

"Peace, happiness and friendship" were explained as the motto upon which the Polynesian emblem is based. The Avalon emblem, which represents the famous legend of King Arthur and his court, was then unveiled. The crossed laurel branches of the emblem symbolize "Success without limit," which is the Avalon Class motto.

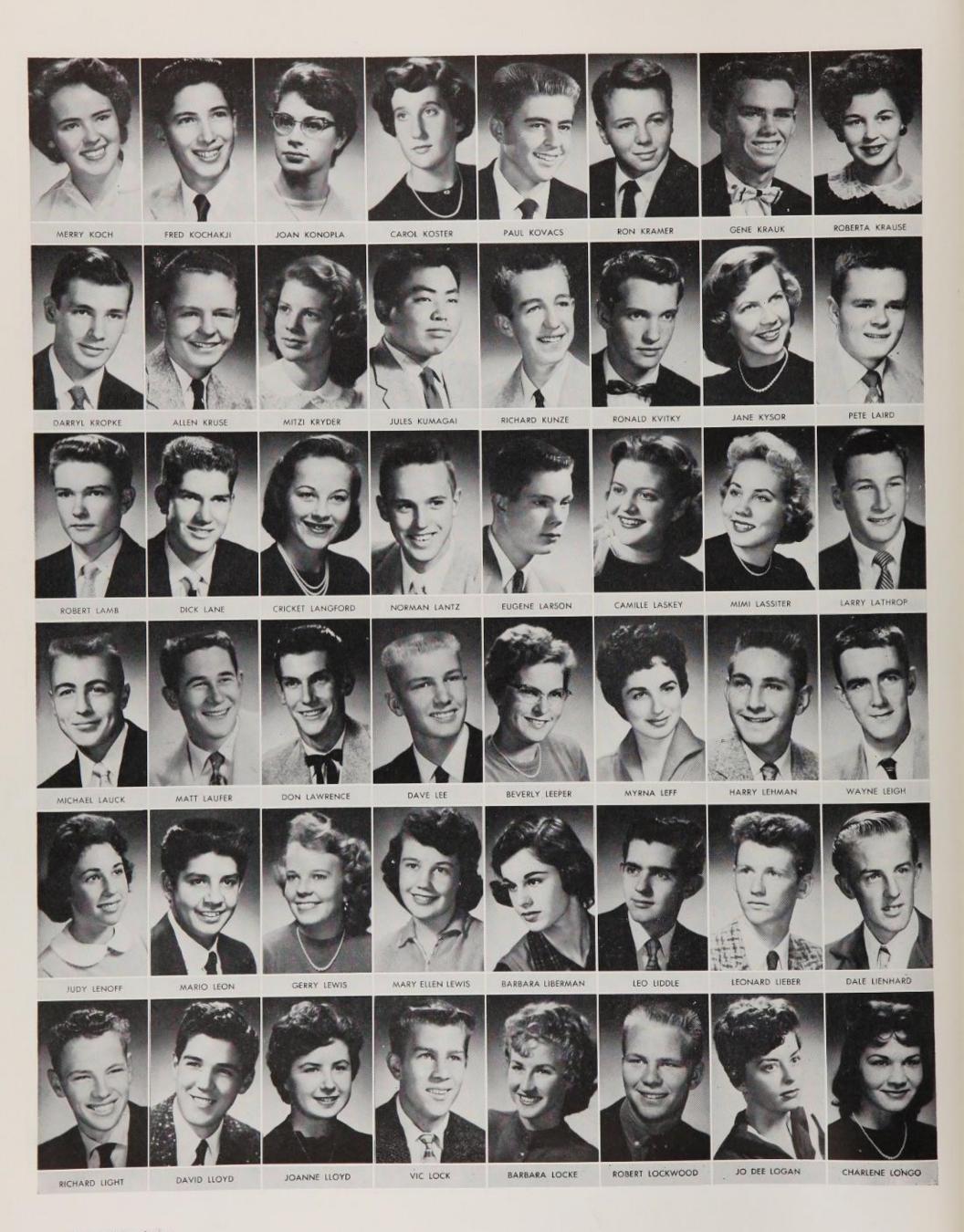
Senior Bee President Denny Powers, on behalf of the Avalon Class, accepted the challenge to uphold the strong traditions set by the senior classes of Van Nuys High.

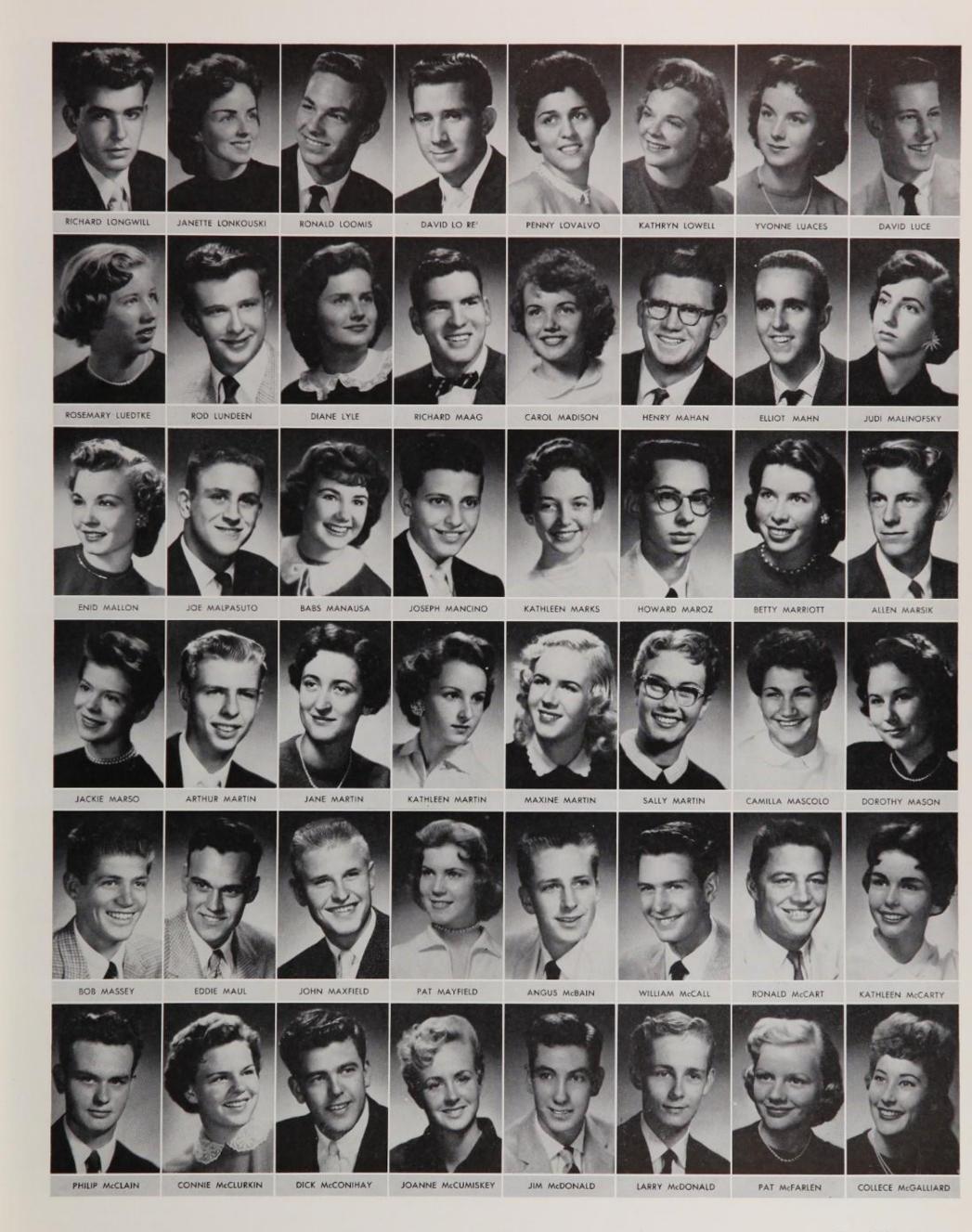
AVALON RECOGNITION DAY COMMITTEE
FIRST ROW—H. Cannon, A. Hertzberg, D. Kelsey. SECOND ROW—J.
Weber, M. Sweeney, S. Norton, J. Kairath, P. Thomas, B. Budworth.
THIRD ROW—R. Danielson, K. Pratt, S. Blain, L. Rothschild, B. Shumate,
D. Powers. FOURTH ROW—B. Cox, E. Mahn, B. Lamb, P. Phillipes, D.
Hunter.













#### AVALON PROM COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—B. Budworth, D. Hunter, D. Oatey, B. Cox, C. Rossie, D. Duncan. SECOND ROW—S. Aronin, B. Winston, W. Case, E. Thomas, M. Sweeney, H. Cannon, F. Deitchman, J. Weber, D. Erickson, A. Hunt, L. Grindey, B. Leeper, C. McGalliard. THIRD ROW—B. Lamb, E. Mahn, D. Lee, D. Betts, L. Fromm, M. Faeth, C. Stettner, C. Beaty, S. Kinkella, K. Marks, S. Smith, P. Thomas, B. Eaton, G. Bosch.



DONALD McKAY SUSAN MCKINLEY





CHUCK McLAUGHLIN WALLY MCPHEETERS



RICHARD MEANS





JERRY MELCHER



JOAN MELZIAN





MARLENE MENDENHALL



DAVE MERCER



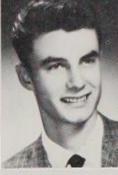
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ROBERT MERTZ



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ED METZ



STEPHEN MEZGER



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PHILIP MIKKELSON



GARY MILLER



GRACE MILLER



JUDY MILLER



LINDA MILLER



MIKE MILLER



SANDY MILLER







RUSTY MISSKELLEY



JEANENNE MOEHLMAN



SANDRA MOGLIN



STEPHANIE MOLDAUER



FRED MONDRAGON



PAT MORDECAL



SHELLY MOREN



BARBARA MORGAN







PERCY CHARMS THE DRAGON WITH A HEARTFELT BALLAD

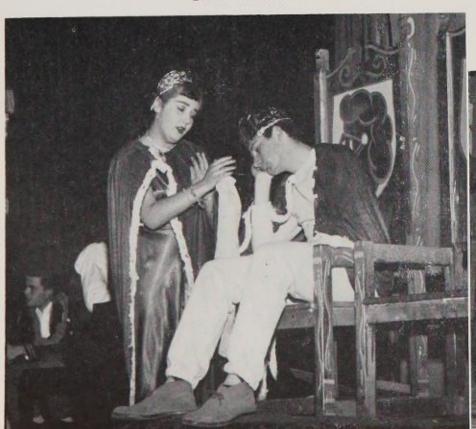
SPORTING BATTLE SCARS, THE KNIGHTS RETURN



LANCELOT DEMONSTRATES HIS FEAT OF STRENGTH AT THE ROUND TABLE

# ARTHUR VS. LIVELY SWING

Guinivere comforts Arthur in his dark hours



"MURG'S" PARTY IS ENLIVENED BY DANCERS



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THE GIRLS ARE "CAUGHT" IN THE WEB OF THEIR CHARMS

# COURTLY DANCE -HAS THE ONLY CHANCE

Fair damsels and brave young knights gathered in King Arthur's Court made up the scenes in the Avalon Activity Day. Thunderous applause and laughter were ample reward for all those who worked so tirelessly to put on a fine performance. A wonderful job of authorization of the script as well as direction of the play was done by Rick Pearce and Jon Gardner. Head chairman of the Activity Day was Anne Jamieson.

After the presentation of "Knights in Avalon," the class singing their theme song went to a dessert sixth period in the cafeteria. In the evening, a dance was given in their honor.

Pages from the ages rock 'n roll



IS COMING!"

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT IS TAPPED FROM TIJUANA





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AVALON CANDLELIGHT COMMITTEE FIRST ROW—S. Horman, D. Oatey, B. Cox, C. Boye, J. Logan.
SECOND ROW—J. Stephens, B. Budworth, J. Gardner, J. Arledge, S. Schindler, R. Dawson.



RONNIE SAUER JOHN SCALES





TOM SCARBOROUGH ELSIE SCHALLBERGER

































































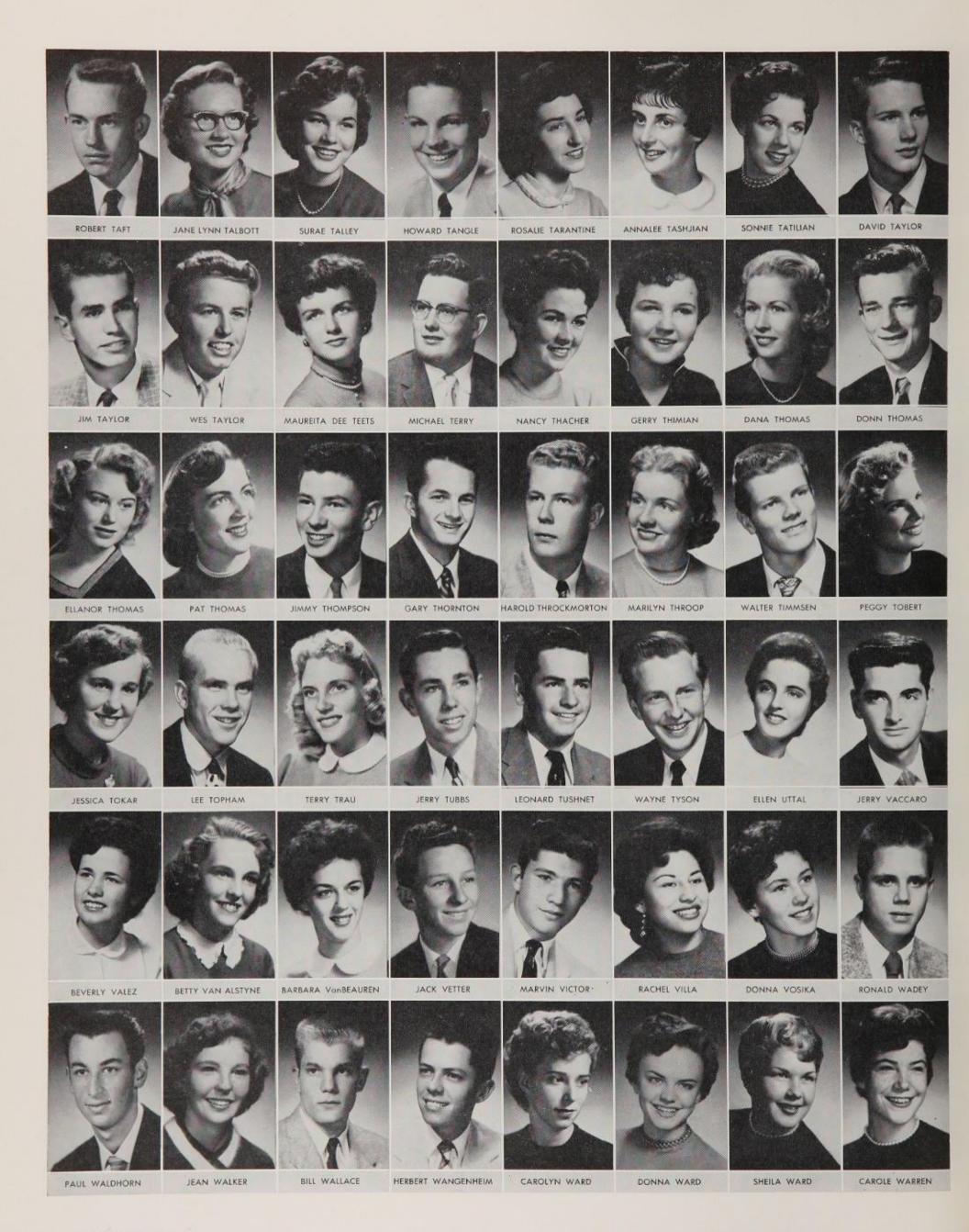
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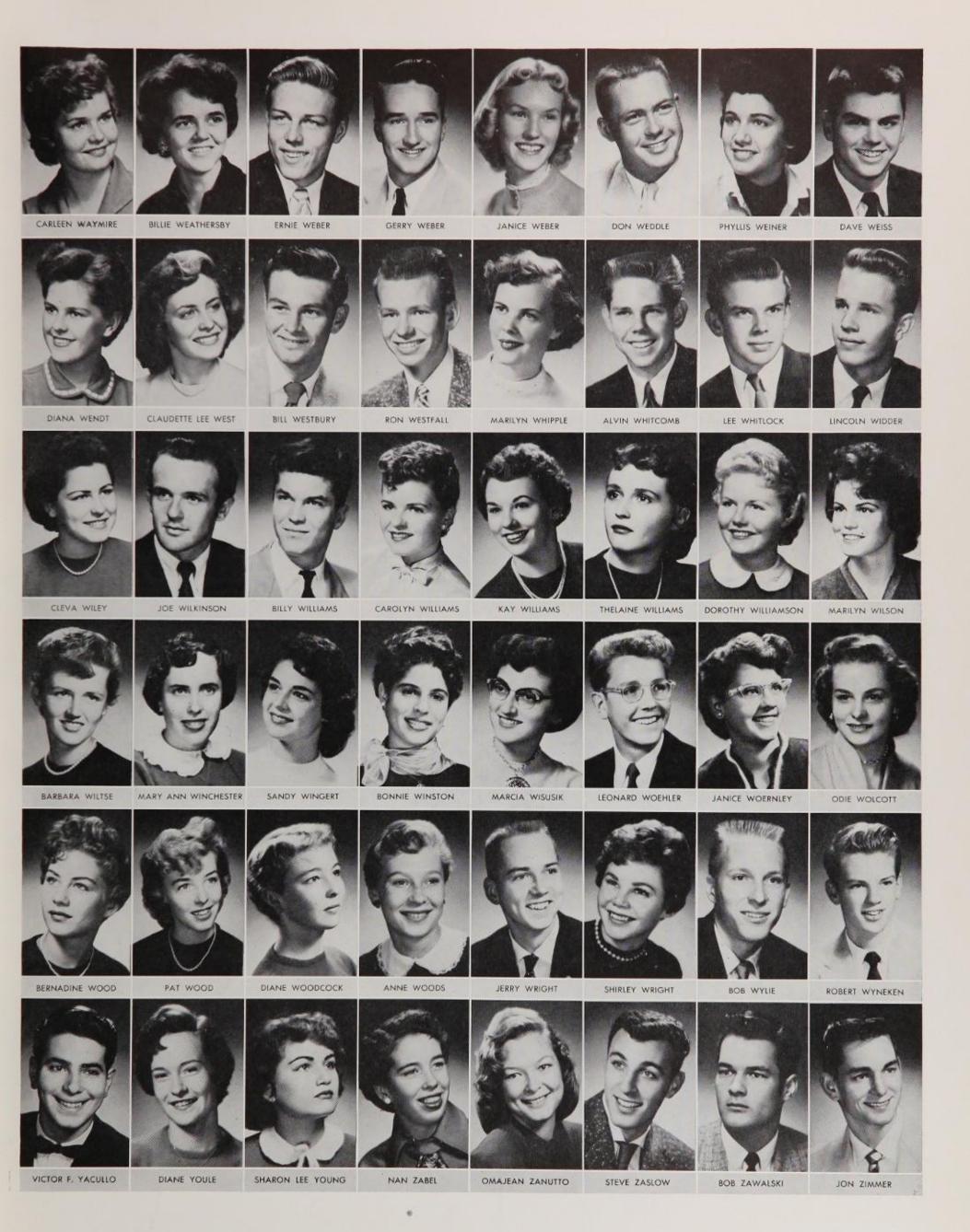
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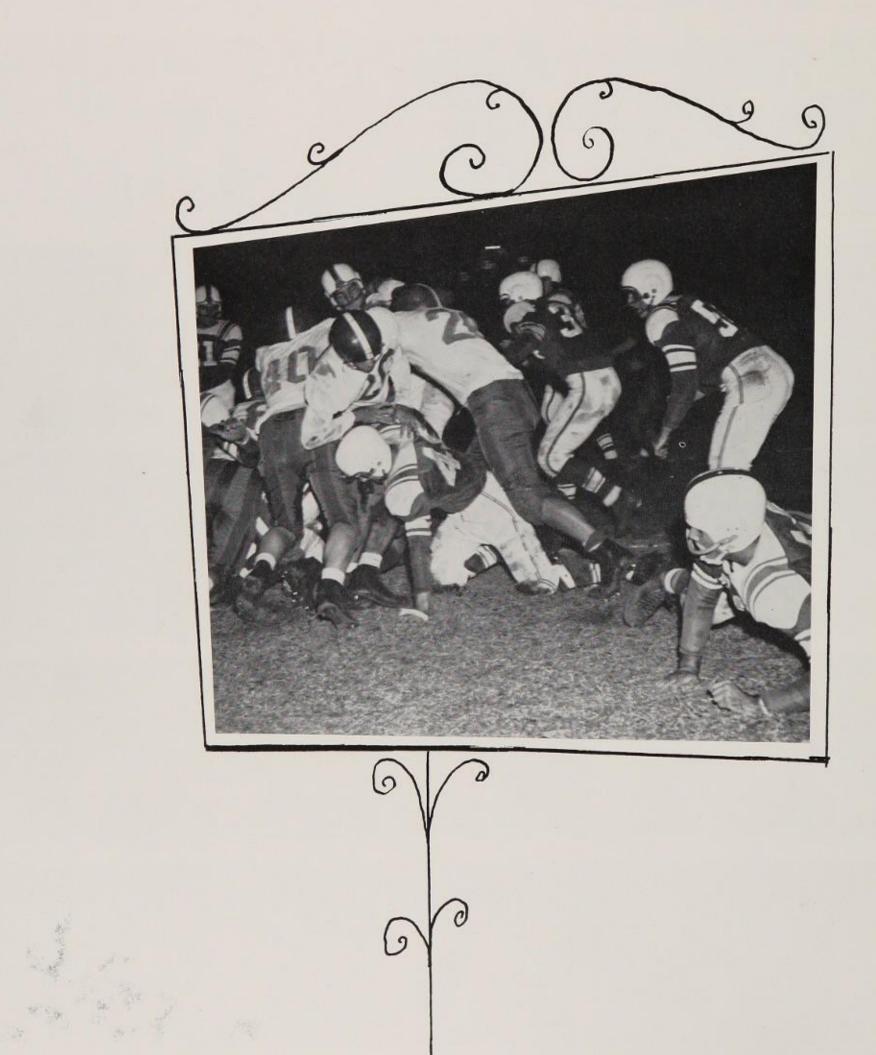
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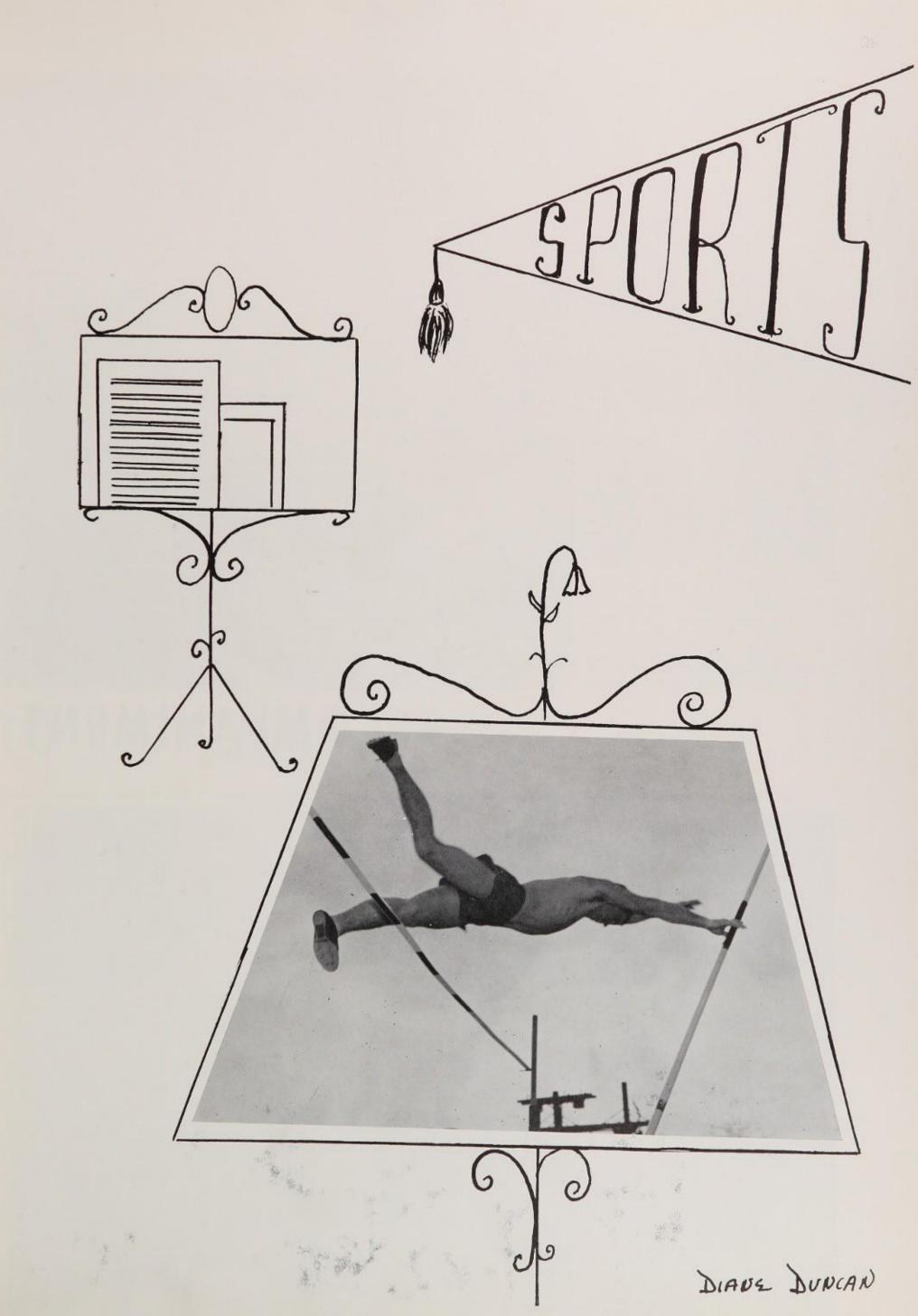
#### AVALON SWEATER COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—K. Cleveland, J. Lenoff, H. Cannon, B. Cox, P. Phillipes, B. Budworth, B. Leeper. SECOND ROW—E. Thomas, S. Aronin, B. Winston, S. Estep, B. Johnston, A. Hunt, S. Schleifer, J. Bischoff, J. Walker, J. Bueker. THIRD ROW—N. Bishop, R. Berner, S. Norton, J. Weber, K. Pratt, R. Danielson, S. Smith, B. Eaton, G. Bosch.











COACHES

W. Ford, W. Tucker, J. McCaffrey, R. Anderson, L. Orteg, J. Mercer, M. Giovinazzo.



Our griding heroes are honored at the yearly Football Banquet

### ACCOMPANIMENT

SONG AND YELL LEADERS

FIRST ROW—C. Hoffman, C. O'Sullivan, L. Combs, D. Jones, B. Kassity. SECOND ROW—J. Fiedler, C. Jacobs, D. Beck, J. Kelly, J. Stephens.





FIRST ROW—K. Williams, D. Goursky. SECOND ROW—R. Gilbert, C. Hopgood, B. Janise, C. Madison, D. Daggett, D. Snow, M. Sweeney, C. Deluca, P. Benike, M. Lewis, G. Pettit. THIRD ROW—D. Mason, S. Crebs, M. Leff, M. Bongiovanni, J. Burns, D. Teets, C. McCauley, L. Miller, S. Sherman, G. Gledhill, K. Machado, D. Williamson. FOURTH ROW—M. Markham, H. Nessamar, L. Gross, J. Eisleben, L. Faulkner, C. Rigby, A. Nathan, P. Hollenberg, C. Dickter, M. Hall, I. Earle, M. Fetterly, B. Harms. FIFTH ROW—D. Ranger, S. Wright, S. Woodcock, D. Whyte, R. Luedtke, B. Fountain, S. Camuso, M. Fenton, M. Martin, G. Bueker, S. Belle, B. Barnett, G. Gold. SIXTH ROW—G. Bosch, K. McCall, C. Miles, D. Arent, M. Johnson, G. Payne, N. Abell, J. Allen, N. Biss, M. Curtis, L. Blumenstock, B. Shumate, G. Ilett. SEVENTH ROW—B. Stalcup, B. Ruddick, S. Hardt, B. King, M. Farman, G. Miller, C. Bond, J. McNeill, P. Boyden, J. Forbush, K. O'Sullivan, R. Hathcock, E. Allum. EIGHTH ROW—S. McKinley, D. Vosika, D. Duncan, L. Gainor, H. Caminker, B. Eaton, J. Kingsnorth, A. Scheckel, S. Huntley, J. Myers, J. Moehlman, J. Runnels, S. Michler. NINTH ROW—S. Stainback, J. Brewer, J. Lambert, J. Rosales, N. Bishop, B. Cook, P. Burton, N. Corwin, G. Mason, M. Blazak, B. Jordahl, I. Cook, J. Arledge, D. Gayle, T. Williams, J. Balleweg.

### TO VICTORIES



### DRILL TEAM

Dressed in red princess style dresses, white collars, and gloves, the Girls' Drill Team, under the able direction of Miss Phyllis Taylor and her assistant Miss Ruth Shaw, displayed wonderful school spirit.

Karen Williams and Doris Goursky headed the largest drill team since the organization was begun in 1951, when Mrs. Janis Bergstrom directed it. This year one hundred twenty-two girls performed their intricate maneuvers with enthusiasm at Varsity half-times. Accompanying the girls was the Van Nuys High School Band directed by Mr. Seymore Weinstein. The girls went along with the football team to the city playoffs. Executing their formations with perfection, they brought applause from the entire student body.



VARSITY LETTERMEN

FIRST ROW—C. Itomitsu, D. Oatey, J. Sewell, A. Garson, D. Marshall, G. Martin, G. McElrone, J. Malpasuto. SECOND ROW—C. Avery, D. Martin, L. Reisbig, D. Powers, J. McCoy, H. Poyer, D. MacAdam. THIRD ROW—B. Cox, S. Ordway, J. Mollett, B. Daley, J. Duncan, Mr. J. McCaffrey.

### PERCUSSION FORCES IN DEGREES

### VARSITY LETTERMEN

Only boys who have earned a Varsity Letter in a Van Nuys sport are eligible for membership in the Varsity Lettermen's Club. This year the club, under the sponsorship of Coach John McCaffrey and led by President Dean Betts, Vice-President Cliff Itomitsu, Corresponding Secretary Gordon Hjelstrom, Roll Secretary Joe Malpasuto, and Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Daley, was very active. Besides sponsoring the Spring Decathlon, the club held a dance which was one of the highlights of the social season.

### JUNIOR VARSITY LETTERMEN

Membership in the Junior Lettermen's Club is granted to boys who have earned a J.V., Bee, or Cee Letter in any sport at Van Nuys. The club was sponsored by Coaches Bill Ford and Winston Tucker and was ably led by President Dick Bergquist. Other officers were Gordon Chapman and Ron Gilbert, vice-presidents; Steve Schulman and Mike McFadden, secretary-treasurer; and Len Rooner and John Binford, sergeant-at-arms. Ron Gilbert received the Junior Lettermen's Club trophy as the Best Junior Athlete.

### JUNIOR LETTERMEN

FIRST ROW—T. Bergman, J. Binford, S. Schulman, R. Gilbert, D. Bergquist, G. Chapman, M. McFadden, P. Proffer. SECOND ROW—J. Perry, R. Porter, G. Smith, R. Ringo, P. Musacchio, G. Myers, K. Olson, S. Wolfe, D. Krohn. THIRD ROW—H. Kramer, M. Stehlik, T. Fish, M. Vidalis, M. Addison, R. Dawson, T. Maguire, F. Mondragon, G. Selders, B. Nespiti, H. Teich, J. Laverty.

















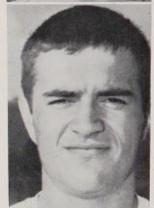
D. Betts
B. Blailock
J. Fouts



P. Greenwood

S. Ordway H. Poyer B. Davidson





S. Hudosh J. MacAdam



D. Bowers J. Mollett

### TEMPO .... ACCELERATO

Playing spirited football all season long, the Van Nuys High Varsity Football Team enjoyed their best season in several years. The Lobos, coached by Winston Tucker and Bill Ford, started the season with a stunning 15 to 7 upset over Manual Arts, City Champions last year. Although Van Nuys was later defeated by Manual, this victory proved to be one of the highlights of the season. In other practice games, the Wolves trounced Fairfax, 25 to 0 and beat Oxnard, 13 to 6.

Swift backs, a light but hard-charging line and able replacements were the keys to the Wolves' success this season. Ends Ron McCart and Cliff Itomitsu, tackles Dennis Martin and Gordon Hjelstrom, guards Don MacAdam and Jim Powell, and center Don Hunter, along with backs Jerry Duncan, Bill Daley, Dennis Knox, and Dave Pike did a superior job when called upon.

Five Van Nuys players, Fullback Jerry Mollett, Halfback Dick Bowers, End Dean Betts, Tackle Howard Poyer, and Guard Jim Fouts, were selected on the First String All-Valley Team. Bowers and Betts were also placed on the Second String All-City Team, while Mollett, Fouts, and Poyer were selected on the Third String

#### VAN NUYS 45-BIRMINGHAM 0

Fresh from three practice game victories, the 1955 edition of the Van Nuys High Football Team ran over a completely outclassed but fighting Birmingham High School Team, in the first football game between the two schools. The Wolves struck early, as Dick Bowers scored on a 54 yard run on the second play of the game. Jerry Mollett scored twice, once intercepting a pass and returning it 33 yards for a touchdown. Dennis Knox made the longest run of the game, when he ran 60 yards for a touchdown. John MacAdam, Vince Doino, and Chuck McLaughlin also scored for the Wolves. The Wolves had won four straight games and were really rolling!

#### VAN NUYS 20—CANOGA PARK 32

Van Nuys, riding high after four consecutive victories, was taken by surprise by the Hunters. Although Canoga Park dominated almost the entire game, the Wolves' Jerry Mollett put on a one-man show that has seldom been equaled in Valley League history. Almost everytime the Hunters scored, Mollett also scored. He had touchdown runs of 62, 8, and 1 yard. The three touchdowns he scored made him the city scoring leader which was a position he held throughout the remainder of the season. Jerry gained 159 yards in 13 carries for a 12.2 average. Dick Bowers was also outstanding on offense, while Dennis Knox was a standout on defense.

#### VAN NUYS 20-NORTH HOLLYWOOD 7

Van Nuys beat North Hollywood for the first time in five years before the largest crowd in Valley League history, 9000 fans. The huge crowd, which was the largest to witness a high school game throughout the city this year, was thrilled from start to finish in one of the most exciting games ever played on Smith Field. Van Nuys scored first on a four-yard run by Jerry Mollett, and then on two touchdown passes from Jerry Duncan, one to Jerry Mollett and the other to Dick Bowers. Howard Poyer did a great defensive job for the Wolves, and Dick Bowers and Jerry Mollett were stars on offense. Van Nuys was back in the championship race!

#### VAN NUYS 40-RESEDA 0

In the first football contest between the two schools, Van Nuys trounced Reseda by a score of 40 to 0, to become Co-champion of the Valley League along with North Hollywood and Canoga Park. Jerry Mollett and Dick Bowers had quite a night offensively. Mollett scored three touchdowns on runs of 3, 72, and 86 yards, the latter being the longest run from scrimmage in the Valley League this season. Dick Bowers scored two touchdowns, one of them on a 75 yard pass play from John MacAdam. Bill Daley, who scored the other touchdown, and Dean Betts were standouts for Van Nuys. After a successful league season, the Wolves looked forward to the city play-offs.

#### VAN NUYS 31—SAN FERNANDO 0

Defending champion San Fernando fell prey to the hungry Van Nuys Wolves for the first time in four years. The Tigers, considerably weakened after two years of Valley League domination, were never in the game as the Wolves rolled over them. Scoring three times, on runs of 10 and 25 yards and on a 28 yard pass from John MacAdam, Dick Bowers was the big gun for Van Nuys. Dick gained 88 yards rushing plus 86 yards on four pass receptions. Seymore Hudosh ran 61 yards for a touchdown in the final period for the most spectacular play of the game. Bill Daley received the Sertoma trophy for being the outstanding Van Nuys defensive player.

#### VAN NUYS 14—MANUAL ARTS 19

Van Nuys, meeting Manual Arts for the second time this season, came out on the short end of the score in a thrilling game played at Los Angeles High School. Van Nuys scored first, only to have Manual Arts come back and score. The Toilers missed the point after touchdown, and the Wolves led 7 to 6. The Toilers scored again, turning a blocked punt into a touchdown. Jerry Mollett scored his second touchdown of the game on a 26 yard run, but Manual then scored the game winning touchdown. Even though the Wolves did not go as far in the city play-offs as had been hoped, they finished with a seven and two record for a very successful season.

### **ENCORES PLAYED WERE SWIFT**

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW—G. Martin, J. Malpasuto, D. Betts, P. Knox, B. Peters, M. Hooper, D. Hunter, R. Franco, H. Poyer, P. Greenwood, C. McLaughlin, J. MacAdam, R. McCart, S. Hudosh, J. McCoy. SECOND ROW—M. Bigman, B. Blailock, J. Castagnoli, G. Steele, B. Lane, B. McMurtrey, J. Powell, J. Duncan, D. MacAdam, B. Davidson, S. Ordway, J. Mollett, L. Reisbig. THIRD ROW—J. Walker, J. Mittenthal, E. McRae, L. Rooner, B. Drachlis, J. Schulps, M. Furgo, R. Weber, C. Itomitsu, R. Bowers, D. Powers, K. Loe, D. Marshall. FOURTH ROW—D. Knox, L. Smith, V. Doino, P. West, J. Diehl, B. Daley, J. Fouts, M. Savage, G. Arps, S. Stapp, G. Hjelstrom, J. Kumagai, D. Martin, B. Pike. FIFTH ROW—Coach Ford, J. Otchis, L. Okin, B. Kelly, P. Phillipes, Head Coach Tucker.





CATCH THE HUNTER, WOLVES!

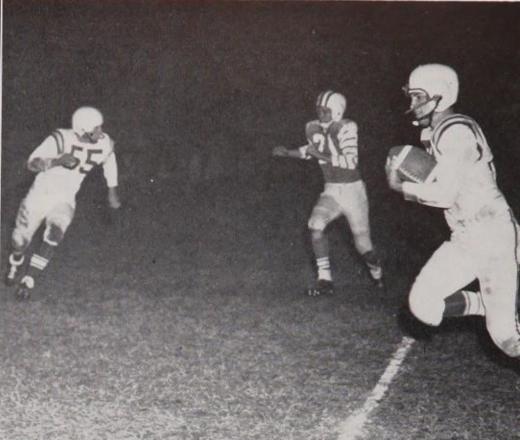
Go all the way, Dick!

### **PROGRESSIONS**

Fouts makes tracks toward a Husky
Let's see some fancy footwork

CAUGHT IN A TRAFFIC JAM











BEE FOOTBALL

FIRST ROW—F. Mondragon, B. Wallace, D. Bergquist. SECOND ROW—D. Devine, C. Schoen, H. Polk, G. Smith, M. Faeth, T. Lilly, D. Krohn, R. Gilbert, J. Binford, J. Follingstad, R. Norvell, D. Bell, S. Mitchell. THIRD ROW—P. Ferguson, V. Caldwell, D. Turner, G. Lange, J. Tucker, R. Norvell, T. Beck, J. Beach, C. Greening, B. Traum, G. Myers, A. Gelfound, B. Nesbitt. FOURTH ROW—S. Coger, T. Maguire, J. Longo, D. Young, C. Foote, T. Warrick, C. Branda, B. Duff, M. Worthington, T. Zelenski, J. Fratello, W. Schiller, M. Vidalis. FIFTH ROW—D. Mitchell, R. Porter, K. Olson, J. Hanessian, J. Myers, J. Burgert, K. Wakefield, R. Earls, M. Stehlik, J. Wittenberg, D. Enrico, T. Pine, R. Ringo. SIXTH ROW—A. Cudney, T. Bergman, M. Ball, P. Proffer, K. Huston, P. Mussachio, B. Baum, H. Kramer, H. Teich, S. Wolfe. SEVENTH ROW—Coach McConnaughy, R. Waite, M. Rodriguez, J. Soth, D. Schulz, M. Addison, B. Duncan, C. Campbell, J. Laverty, G. Hall, Coach McCaffrey.

# FOES WERE CONQUERED IN

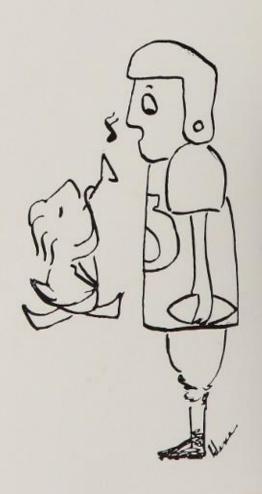
Seeking to become Valley Champions for the second straight year, the Van Nuys Bee Football Team eagerly awaited the 1955 season. Ably coached by John McCaffrey and Jim McConnaughy and led by Co-captains Dick Bergquist, Fred Mondragon, and Bill Wallace, the team ended up with a four and four record which gave them fourth place in the Valley League.

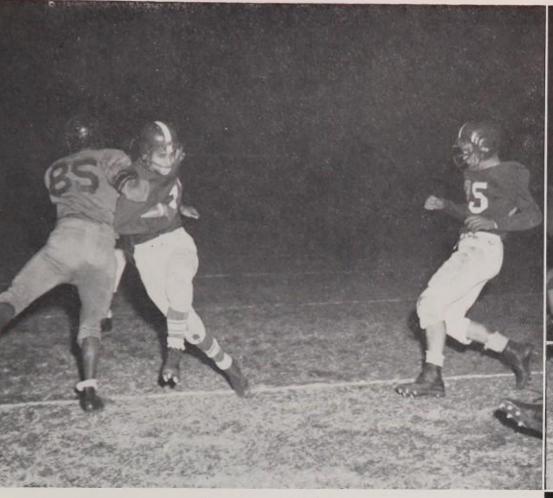
The season opened with Bill Nesbitt and Gary Smith at ends, John Binford and Ken Wakefield at tackles, Ray Norvell and Tom Beck at guards and Perry Ferguson at center. In the backfield were Ron Gilbert at quarterback, Jon Gardner and Bill Wallace at halfback, and Dick Bergquist at fullback. Backing these boys up, were Sterling Wolfe, Mike Vidalis, Howard Teich, Harlan Polk, Carl Schoen, Ronny Porter, and Gary Smith on the line and Dan Enrico and Howard Kramer in the backfield.

The Wolfpups started the season by losing to Manual Arts, 24 to 12. The Bees then won three straight games, beating Fairfax, 13 to 12, John Muir, 13 to 0, and Birmingham, 13 to 0. They then fell victim to Canoga Park, 13 to 7, North Hollywood, 28 to 6, and San Fernando, 7 to 0. The Wolfpups ended a spirited season by trouncing Reseda, 19 to 0.

As a result of his fine play throughout the entire season, Quarterback Ron Gilbert was selected on the First String All-Valley League Bee Team. End Gary Smith, Guard Ray Norvell, and Halfback Bill Wallace were also placed on the Second String All-Valley League Bee Team.

Bill Wallace was named the Bee's Most Valuable Player at the Football Banquet and Ron Gilbert was named the Most Inspirational Bee. Dick Bergquist received the R.O.T.C. award for scholarship, leadership, and athletics. The outstanding lineman and back were Ray Norvell and Jon Gardner respectively. The Wolfpup's Most Improved Back was Paul Mussachio while John Binford was the Most Improved Lineman.







Going My Way?

The pigskinner is caught from behind

### TYMPANIC SESSIONS

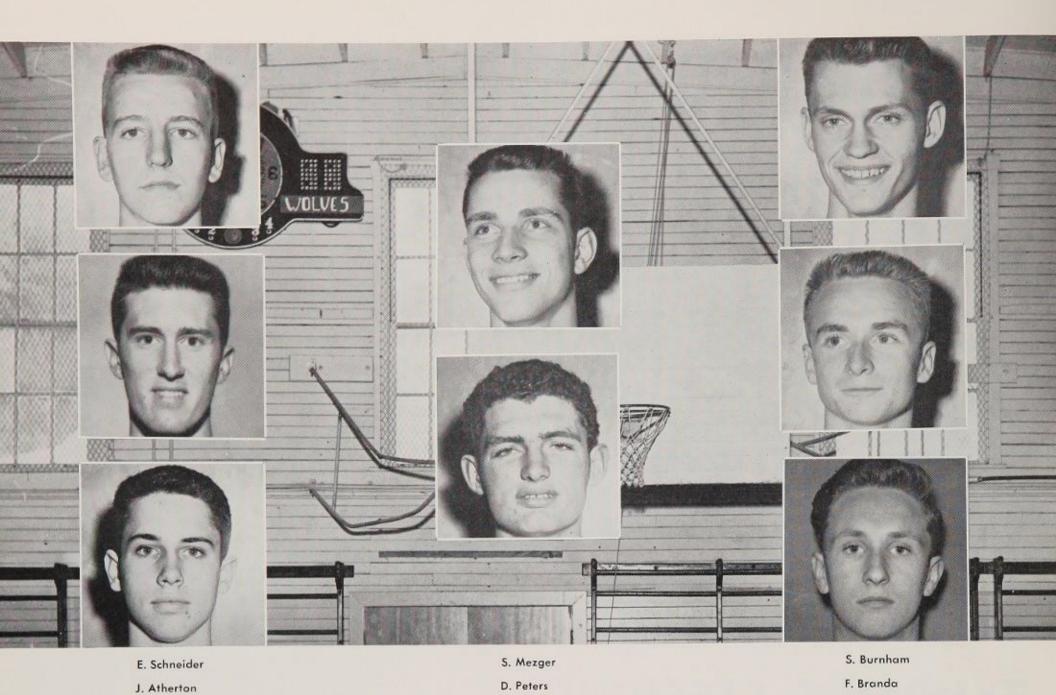
Don't let him get away

Let's hold that Tiger, Wolfpup!

Look out! I'm comin' through!



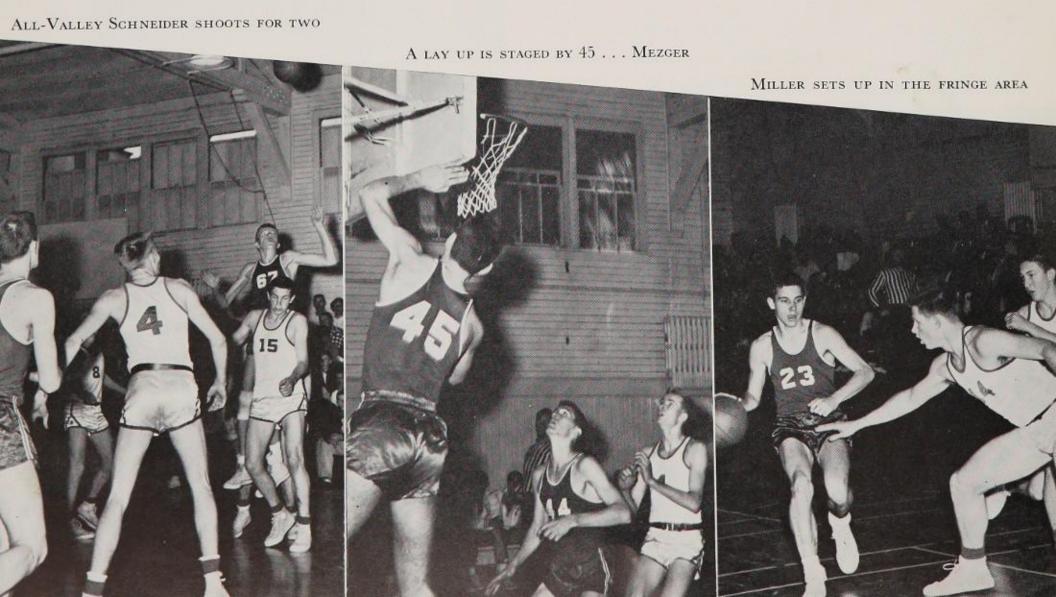


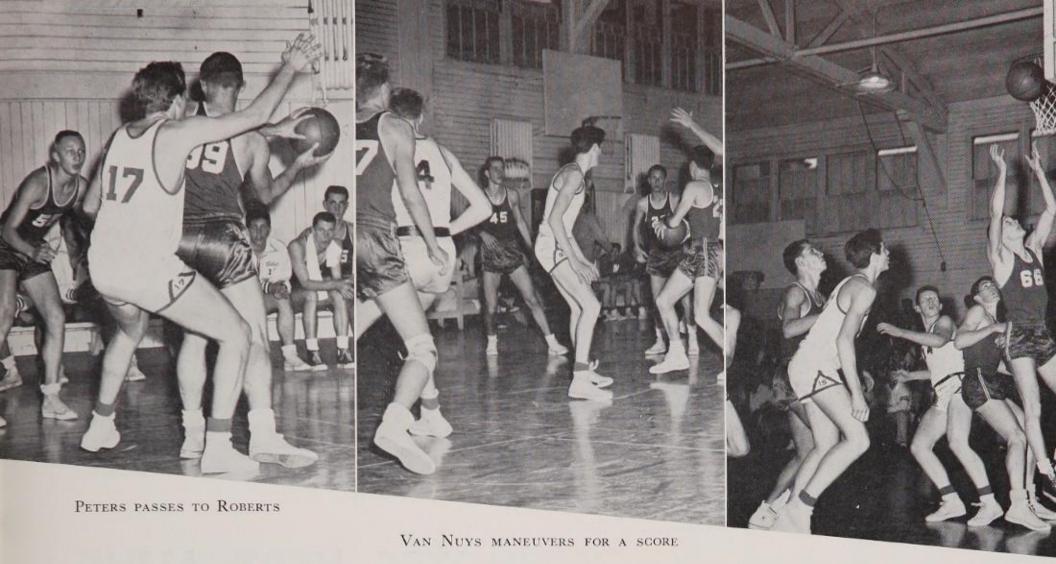


G. Miller

THE FLORID FIVE

J. Cwayna





### VARSITY BASKETBALL

This year a new coach and a new type of game arrived at Van Nuys for the basketball season. Both fared quite well. Intensive training brought Van Nuys within a hair's breadth of capturing first place in the Valley League. As a validation of their record, the Varsity placed two Wolves on the All-Valley first team, Forwards Earle Schneider and Spike Burnham. Steve Mezger, 6' 4" center and 5' 7" guard Gary Miller made the second team. Getting underway quickly the Wolves swept their four preseason games by substantial scores. During season play the squad met with defeat twice against North Hollywood and once against San Fernando. The final record read 7-3, thereby putting Van Nuys in a tie for second place. Jim Cwayna, Dick Peters, John Atherton, Frank Branda, Ty Roberts and Richie Kovner did more than warm the bench as Coach Mercer substituted freely. In the City Playoffs, the Wolves held Jordan, later City Champs, within four points.

BURNHAM SPRINGS FOR A REBOUND

Jordan ......53

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|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Van | Nuys | .75 | 62  | Birmingham      | 36  | 32  |
| Van | Nuys | .71 | 69  | Canoga Park     | 55  | 48  |
| Van | Nuys | .92 | 78  | Reseda          | 33  | 40  |
| Van | Nuys | .62 | 48  | San Fernando    | 51  | 51  |
| Van | Nuys | .68 | 48  | North Hollywood | 71  | 58  |
|     |      |     | PLA | YOFFS           |     |     |
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Van Nuys.....49

FIRST ROW—G. Miller, J. Cwayna. SECOND ROW—G. Krauk, R. Kovner, S. Burnham, D. Peters, S. Mezger, E. Schneider, F. Branda, J. Atherton, T. Roberts, B. Sipes, G. Dermer.







"LET ME AT THAT BALL"

## KEYNOTES KEPT ALIVE

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

A successful League season was had by the JV squad as they wound up in first place with an 8-2 record. Two outstanding members of the All-Valley JV team, Ted Fish, forward, and Dennis Craig, center, paced this hard fighting team through game after game to victory. With their spectacular play, Mike Stern, Al Brandli, Louis Valez, Tom O'Leary, and Al Kirkby added to the enjoyment of the viewers in the stands. Pre-season games showed nothing outstanding as the JV's kept hidden their true power. Winning two and losing two the squad gained experience by working together. Blemishing what might have been a perfect record, the teams from Birmingham and San Fernando handed the JV's one defeat each. A large bench will give Coach Mercer a wide choice for a great Varsity team next season.

|     | 1 st    | 2nd | 1st               | 2nd |
|-----|---------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Van | Nuys48  | 43  | Birmingham26      | 46  |
|     | Nuys47  | 44  | Canoga Park28     | 43  |
|     | Nuys 63 | 55  | Reseda28          | 32  |
| Van | Nuys30  | 50  | San Fernando39    | 41  |
|     | Nuys49  | 49  | North Hollywood46 | 48  |

FISH HOOKS FOR TWO
TWO-HANDED PUSH SHOT MADE
BY STERN

FIRST ROW—L. Thomlin, L. Valez, A. Brandli, J. Praiswater, D. Harrison, L. Johnson, T. Apple. SECOND ROW—J. Jones, B. Ford, A. Kirkby, R. Hatch, B. Rubenstein, M. Stern, T. Fish. THIRD ROW—T. Wilkenson, G. Peacock, J. Horvath, M. Hollman, D. Craig, J. Kerwin, C. Dempwolf, T. O'Leary, Coach Mercer.





MEZGER LETS FLY FROM 20 FEET OUT

### "STICKY FINGERS" BURNHAM GRABS THE PASS

#### BEE BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW-J. Tubbs, S. Emmey, D. Skersick, C. Rayl, G. Selders. SECOND ROW-T. Schneider, A. Schubert, F. Cooley, G. Spellman, B. Bickel.

### BEE BASKETBALL

A hard dribbling, accurate shooting team led by Steve Emmey, Dave Skersick, Jerry Tubbs, Gene Selders, Bob Bickel and Charlie Rayl captured the coveted first place of the Bee League. The pre-season games predicted the squad's ability. The defeat by North Hollywood was avenged in the second round. League play for the Bee's wound up with a 9-1 record. Coach Quinn's tall, welltrained center, Steve Emmey, played outstandingly and became the high scorer in Valley League competition with a 21 point average per game. The spotlight shone several times on the other four of the starting five as this well-knit team showed its prowess in the thorough defeat of team after team.

|     | lst    | 2nd | 1st               | 2nd |
|-----|--------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Van | Nuys43 | 48  | Birmingham30      | 35  |
| Van | Nuys37 | 55  | Canoga Park27     | 34  |
| Van | Nuys56 | 47  | Reseda37          | 45  |
| Van | Nuys70 | 58  | San Fernando39    | 31  |
| Van | Nuys33 | 43  | North Hollywood45 | 41  |

CEE BASKETBALL

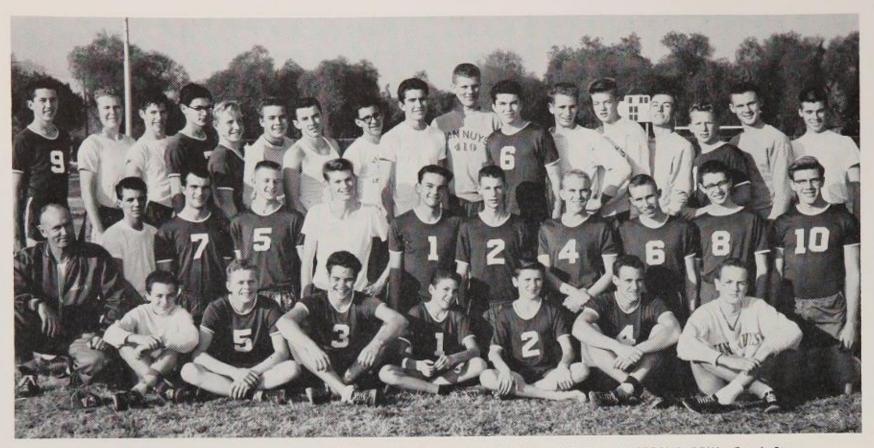
FIRST ROW—H. Greene, J. Fulton, B. Avants. SECOND ROW—J. Perry, R. Mc-Castlen, J. Knight, R. McKay. THIRD ROW-L. Barton, N. Gary, G. Grant, E. Braca, S. Bornstein.

#### CEE BASKETBALL

Perry, Avants, Fulton, Greene, and McKay formed the weaving, "fighting five" of the Cee squad that put this team in second place in their rough and tumble league. The squad finished with an 8-2 record in league play. The two defeats came from the well-coached Canoga team. These contests served as a training ground for future players, so Coach Quinn looks forward to a wellrounded Bee squad for next year.

|     | 1st     | 2nd | 1st               | 2nd |
|-----|---------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Van | Nuys 28 | 31  | Birmingham20      | 21  |
| Van | Nuys23  | 23  | Canoga Park26     | 34  |
| Van | Nuys 23 | 38  | Reseda17          | 26  |
| Van | Nuys35  | 45  | San Fernando30    | 29  |
| Van | Nuys32  | 34  | North Hollywood31 | 23  |





FIRST ROW—B. Stein, C. Robbins, A. Flock, B. Hovey, M. Cunningham, D. Ashton, W. Houtari. SECOND ROW—Coach Starr, B. Greenberg, N. Hook, G. Chapman, M. Thompson, T. Kjar, D. Sturges, L. Topham, J. Kispaugh, T. Hollender, P. Grote. THIRD ROW—R. Raridon, H. Throckmorton, G. Each, S. Kaplan, C. Dirks, J. Thompson, D. Oatey, S. Shulman, D. Sherwood, W. Timmsen, B. Williams, L. Robbins, G. Pryor, L. Smith, D. Mesirow, C. Jacobs, W. McPheeters.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Soon after school opened, the mighty "leather lungers" began their strenuous workouts in preparation for the tough valley competition. Two practice meets with University and Verdugo Hills were faced before trotting against Birmingham in the first league match. The Wolf Varsity overpowered all three. Before the vanquishing of Van Nuys by the strong North Hollywood and San Fernando teams, Canoga narrowly defeated the Wolves. The defeat of Reseda came as a post season victory. In the Valley Finals the gallant Varsity place fourth. Ted Smith and Dave Schmidt spurred the hard-trying Varsity, while Tyler Kjar and Dave Sturges led the JV team to third place in league standings. Bill Hovey and Mary Cunningham paced an undermanned 10th grade team.

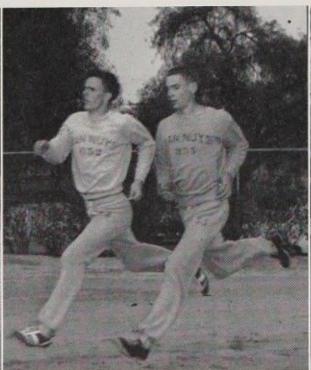
| Varsity            |         | Junio | or Varsity | 101 | h Grade |
|--------------------|---------|-------|------------|-----|---------|
| University21       | 39 V.N. | 17    | 44 V.N.    | 17  | 48 V.N. |
| Verdugo Hills42    | 19 V.N. | 23    | 31 V.N.    | 29  | 26 V.N. |
| Birmingham45       | 15 V.N. | 17    | 42 V.N.    | 16  | 40 V.N. |
| Canoga Park27      | 28 V.N. | 33    | 27 V.N.    | 15  | 50 V.N. |
| North Hollywood 24 | 32 V.N. | 59    | 16 V.N.    | 29  | 27 V.N. |
| San Fernando18     | 45 V.N. | 24    | 38 V.N.    | 15  | 66 V.N. |
| Reseda35           | 22 V.N. | 59    | 15 V.N.    | 26  | 29 V.N. |
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Valley Finals—4th place, V.N.; 3rd place, V.N.; 4th place, V.N. City Finals—Junior Varsity, Tyler Kjar, 18th place.

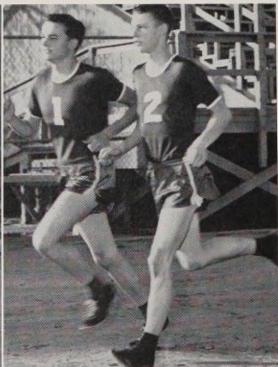
### STEP AND THEME



10th Grade: Hovey and Cunningham



VARSITY: SMITH AND SCHMIDT

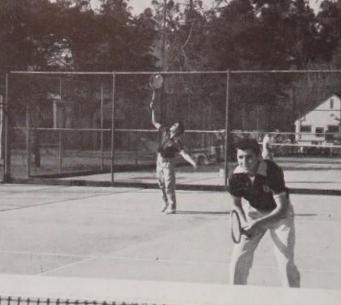


J.V.: KJAR AND STURGES









Daigneault sets for service

POLLACK SHOWS FOREHAND FORM

GARSON DISPLAYS BACKHAND STROKES

#### TENNIS TEAM

The tennis courts at the Van Nuys-VanOwen Playground quaked under the trampling of rubber soled shoes and the rebounding of the tennis sphere as the "fuzzy ball" team began intensive practice. Under the coaching of the able Mr. John McCaffrey, the Wolves fought hard to take third place in the bitterly contested Valley League. Loyola was the team that faced Van Nuys in the pre-season practice match. In the first league competition Canoga Park squeaked by the Wolves. The squad took an easy victory over San Fernando in the second game, and in the third match of the season the Wolves fell before Birmingham. The always strong North Hollywood team was next on the tab, and they soundly defeated Van Nuys. For the final match Van Nuys faced Reseda, which the Wolves finally won in a hard fought game. The top men participated in the All-City Tournament ending the season.

#### TENNIS SCORES

| Van | Nuys1 | 6 Loyola          |
|-----|-------|-------------------|
| Van | Nuys3 | 4Canoga Park      |
| Van | Nuys5 | 2 San Fernando    |
| Van | Nuys3 | 4 Birmingham      |
| Van | Nuys0 | 7 North Hollywood |
| Van | Nuys4 | 3Reseda           |

### ARE WELL COMBINED

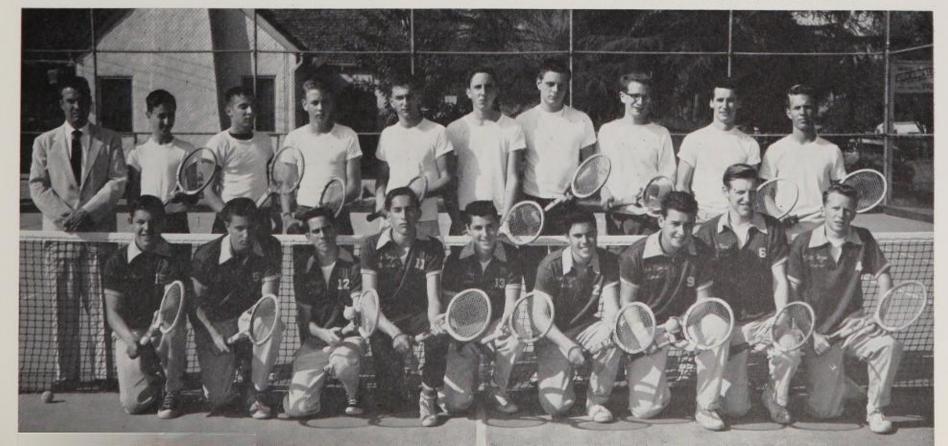


Bluhm serves as Kaufman awaits a return

Captain Mesirow smashes, and Koff looks for possible return

### TENNIS TEAM

FIRST ROW—B. Samartino, D. Koff, R. Goodman, A. Garson, A. Kaufman, S. Bluhm, C. Pollack, F. Szekely, D. Mesirow. SECOND ROW—Coach McCaffrey, S. Fleischer, T. Schneider, H. Mauvais, G. Dermer, B. Levin, J. Fiedler, L. Robbins, J. Daigneault, L. Widder.





GOLF TEAM

J. Dueker, G. Barnes, J. Follingstad, Mr. Lyons, T. Lauck.

### VIRILE CHORUS

Dueker shows his driving form

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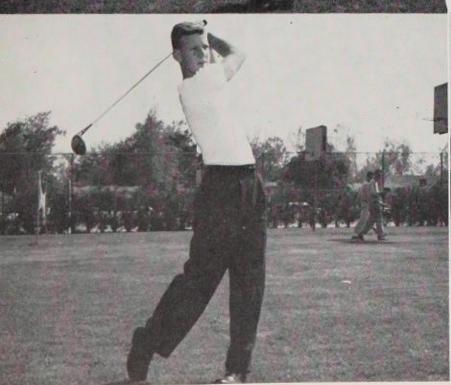
#### GOLF TEAM

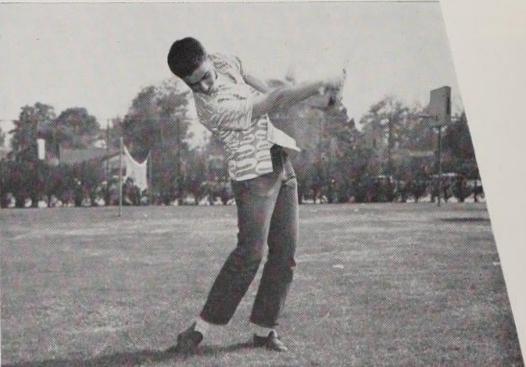
The fairways of the Sepulveda, Woodland Hills, and the Joe Kirkwood, Jr. courses resounded the echoes of the mighty smashes and teeings off of the "pitch and putters." Wolves having an eye for hitting the wee ball practiced gallantly, and laughed their way by the sand traps and furrows in the greens, to rack up unbelievable scores. Mr. Lyons supervised these top-flight "club swingers" with an able hand. George Barnes, Jim Follingstad, Jerry Lauck, and Tom Ryan successfully battled the other teams of the San Fernando Valley League.

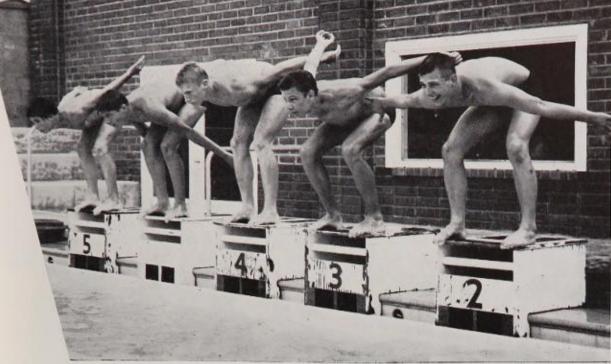
Now in the second year of competition, the golf enthusiasts of the future can look forward to rough competition among the Valley schools as ability and interest grow stronger and take hold. Outstanding and championship playing are rewarded by the giving of cups and letters.

BARNES TEES OFF

LAUCK BANGS A SHOT OUT OF THE ROUGH









THE SMILING QUINTET GETS READY

NEOPHYTES UNFOLD

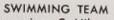
BACKSTROKERS PEEL OFF

### PERFECLY TIMED

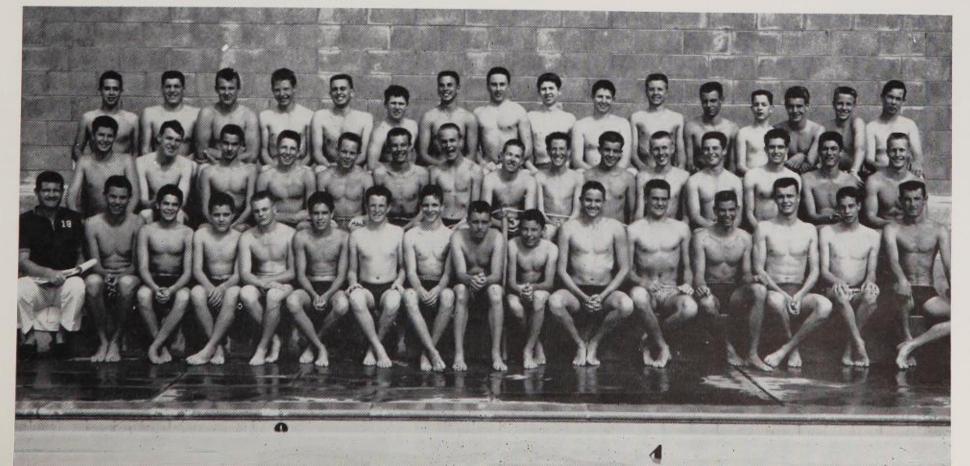
#### SWIMMING TEAM

Early in the spring semester the Van Nuys mermen donned their trunks and began their conditioning at the Kris Kristenson Swim School. Picked as the team to win the Valley Western League, the Varsity team sallied forth with such men as Cameron Avery, Bob Cox, Denny Devine, Mike McFadden, Mike Raugh, Tony Schaefer, and diver Sandy Pierce, in their ranks. These swimmers plus those of the Bee team, Louis Bodnar, Tony Eden and Tony Schneider, and the Cee team, Chris Nibee and Don Durkee, brought smiles to the face of their new coach, Mr. Nick Giovinazzo, as they rounded into shape.

The meets were held at Harvard Military School where Birmingham and Venice were drowned by the speedy Wolves. Hollywood presented the toughest match and the Shieks finally took the honors. Completing the season against Canoga Park, Hamilton, and Reseda, the Wolves wound up in second place.



FIRST ROW—Coach Giovinazzo, L. Peterson, A. Stein, V. Mazzarino, C. Nibee, R. Durkee, M. Bora, D. Posell, G. Hall, B. Bixler, D. Devine, T. McGuire, D. Traub, B. Cox, M. McFadden, T. Schafer. SECOND ROW—M. Swanson, M. Hollman, L. Gratt, D. Bunn, M. Gustafson, R. Gross, D. Gullans, J. Soth, M. Tithle, F. Hunter, B. Fredric, J. Campbell, J. Edwards, D. Gruber, P. Raugh. THIRD ROW—B. Frager, J. Weissman, T. Bergman, R. Turner, B. Drachlis, J. Thawley, A. Cudney, D. Gordon, D. Celmer, A. Kent, J. Gustafson, A. Brandli, D. Distkant, B. Craigo, B. Benson, F. Young, Manager.





VARSITY TRACK

FIRST ROW—J. Donally, B. Duffield, B. Duncan, M. Stehlik, L. Howe, D. Mussachio, J. Brookfield, G. Miller, F. Mondragon, T. Smith. SECOND ROW—H. Morgan, D. Schmidt, V. Doino, C. Jacobs, S. Burnham, L. Smith, J. Barnett, C. Avery, G. Hall, B. Pike. THIRD ROW—Coach McConnaughy, N. Frantzman, D. Oatey, G. Chapman, M. Raugh, R. Maag, D. Taylor, G. Fish, G. Martin, J. Mollett, L. Reisbig, G. Smith, Coach Mercer. FOURTH ROW—B. Thompson, G. Spellman, R. Sauter, J. Blosser, A. McBain, S. Mitchell, C. Swaton, M. Thompson, W. Timmsen, J. Furgol, D. Schultz, D. Samuer, J. McGain, D. Schultz, D. Samuer, J. McGain, D. Schultz, D. Samuer, J. McGain, D. Schultz, D. Samuer, J. McGain, D. Schultz, D. Samuer, J. McGain, D. Schultz, D. Somers, J. McCoy, D. Kaufman, H. Throckmorton, H. Lovegren, J. Frost, J. Peacock, A. Brandt.

### A SYMPHONY IN STALWART POWER

Mondragon triumphs in the century

POWERS CLIMBS UP TO CLEAR 11 FEET

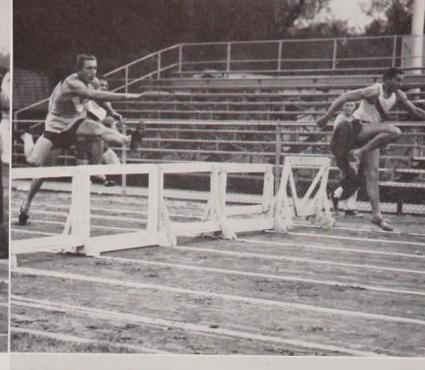
MUSSACHIO TAKES THE PASS IN THE MILE RELAY











Brookfield takes the post in the mile Mollett leads again in the low hurdles G. Smith breaks the tape in the 440

#### VARSITY TRACK

Two returning lettermen, Head Coach Jim Mercer, and Assistant Coach Jim McConnaughy began what might have been a disheartening season, but for the fact that the championship Bee squad from last year was ready for Varisity action. Two exceptional distance runners, Ted Smith and Gary Miller, in the 880 and 440 respectively, and Fred Mondragon in the 100 and 220, formed the 1-2-3 punch that made this year's team the one to win the Valley League. In the hurdles Denny Powers sprang the barriers and teamed up with Ted Smith to do some phenomenal broad jumping. Gordon Martin put the shot, and Cameron Avery topped the pole vault. John Zimmer paced the high jumping while Jim Brookfield and Donnelly battled in the mile.

Crushing Burbank in the first meet gave Van Nuys the stiff upper lip to take the rout handed the Wolves in the second meet by state-contender Fremont, Birmingham was carefully trampled in the first league competition. Canoga Park proved to be the most grueling clash as the Hunters finally took the blue ribbon. The defeat by North Holly-wood the preceding year was avenged with relish as Van Nuys vanquished the hapless Huskies. The Tigers of San Fernando were quickly quieted as the Wolf tracksters didn't give them a chance to growl. The Reseda Regents, newcomers to the league, caught only a glimpse of the speedy Wolves as Van Nuys flashed by.

In the Valley and City Finals Gary Miller and Ted Smith turned in unparalleled performances.

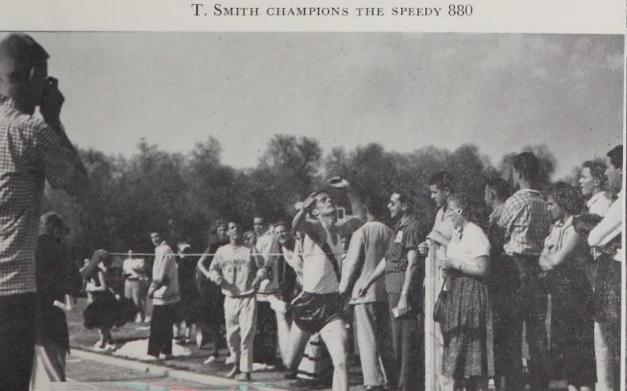
#### VARSITY TRACK SCORES

| Van | Nuys | 84    | 20    | Burbank         |
|-----|------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Van | Nuys | 21    | 83    | Fremont         |
|     | Nuys | 83    | 21    | Birmingham      |
| Van | Nuys | 481/2 | 551/2 | Canoga Park     |
| Van | Nuys | 53¾   | 501/4 | North Hollywood |
| Van | Nuys | 561/4 | 4734  | San Fernando    |
|     | Nuys | 79    | 25    | Reseda          |

T. Smith and Miller compete for a "first" in the 880

Martin tries for the 50 ft. mark

T. Smith champions the speedy 880





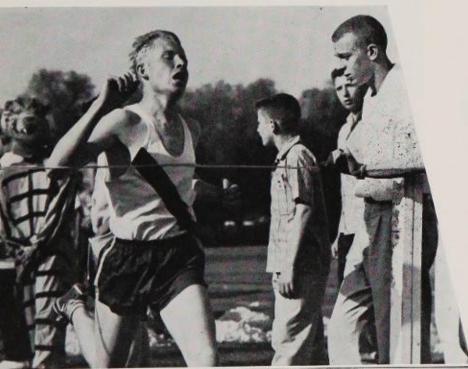


BEE TRACK

FIRST ROW—R. Nadow, C. Dirks, H. Kramer, G. Lange, L. Lathrop, G. Selders, R. Ringo, R. Gilbert, J. Binford. SECOND ROW—F. Cooley, S. Kaplan, R. Determan, J. Meyers, G. Meyers, R. Olsen, S. Wolf, J. Littlefield, J. Wittenberg, J. Kishpaugh, D. Henricksen, B. Gray. THIRD ROW—Coach McConnaughy, M. Smith, W. Houtari, L. Jaeckel, R. Pickup, R. Cameron, C. Branda, M. Lerner, T. Cleland, K. Houston, D. Kelley, A. Lewiston, Coach Mercer. FOURTH ROW—B. Greenberg, J. Fratello, M. Faeth, T. Aquaro, R. Beach, D. Bergquist, S. Bensussen, L. Okin, J. Scheifer, J. Woodford, J. McCadden, J. Thompson, D. Davis.

### RECORD SUCCESS

Dirks defeats the Tigers
Selders stretches for the 20 ft, mark



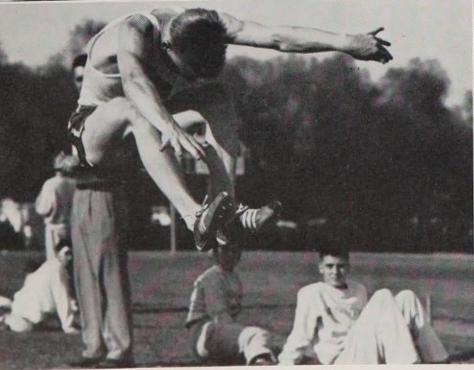
### BEE TEAM

An experienced group of stalwarts led the Wolf Bee Team to a first place tie in the hard fought Valley League. Outstanding members of the all-around team were Larry Lathrop, Gene Selders, and Ron Ringo in the 100 and 220 and the broad jump. In the pole vault and high jump Mike Smith took top honors as did Dick Bergquist in the shotput. Floyd Cooley led the way over the hurdles as "leather lunged" Chuck Dirks puffed the 1320 and Jerry Kishpaugh ran the 660.

The Bees split their practice meets, winning against Burbank and bowing to Fremont. As their placement shows they gave stiff competition to the other Valley schools, the real battle coming in the Valley Finals where Van Nuys placed first.

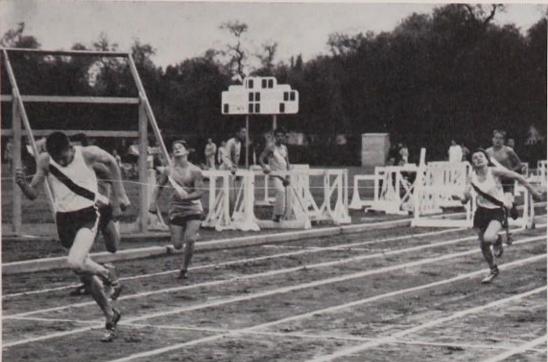
|     |      | BEE    | TRACK SCORES |                 |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Van | Nuys | 65     | 30           | Burbank         |
| Van | Nuys | 191/2  | 751/2        | Fremont         |
| Van | Nuys | 67 1/3 | 272/3        | Birmingham      |
| Van | Nuys | 661/2  | 281/2        | Canoga Park     |
| Van | Nuys | 50     | 45           | North Hollywood |
|     | Nuys | 471/2  | 471/2        | .San Fernando   |
|     | Nuys | 74     | 21           | Reseda          |

LATHROP SPEEDS TO VICTORY





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A VICTORIOUS WOLF CAPTURES THE BLUE RIBBON IN THE HURDLES

### TRIUMPHANT HOUR

CEE TEAM

An undermanned team was sparked to competitive form by the able coaching of Mr. Jim Mercer and his assistant Mr. Jim McConnaughy. Among the hard trying trackmen were Richard Buhrer in the broad jump and the century, Mike Hammer in the 660, Vince Tucciarone in the shotput, and Bill Bergquist in the 1320.

For the most part the scoring went against the pint-size competitors. By wide margins they dropped the practice meets against Burbank and Fremont and their first league meet against Birmingham. Tangling with the other Valley schools they rallied to give San Fernando and North Hollywood stiff competition. The Wolves defeated Canoga Park and Reseda and wound up in fourth place in the Valley League.

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| CEE | IKACK | SCORES |

| Van | Nuys | 14     | 63    | Burbank         |
|-----|------|--------|-------|-----------------|
| Van | Nuys | 61/2   | 641/2 | Fremont         |
| Van | Nuys | .25    | 57    | Birmingham      |
| Van | Nuys | 48     | 38    | Canaga Park     |
| Van | Nuys | 341/2  | 511/2 | North Hollywood |
| Van | Nuys | .352/3 | 501/3 | San Fernando    |
| Van | Nuys | 48     | 38    | Reseda          |
|     |      |        |       |                 |



A Wolf struts his stuff in the SHOTPUT RING

GREEN SHOWS HIS FORM WITH A PERFECT JUMP



FIRST ROW—B. Weinen, R. Buhrer, M. Taylor, M. Cunningham, B. Hovey, B. Stein, P. Cartozian. SECOND ROW— J. Mony, J. Decker, R. Kempton, B. Cheng, D. Lewis, M. Lynn, V. Tucciarone, G. Bergstrom, M. Hammer. THIRD ROW—Coach McConnaughy, L. Harris, G. Klein, J. McKay, E. Kenny, B. Bergquist, H. Hans, J. Powell, B. Lanctot, Coach Mercer.







### VARSITY BASEBALL

The 1956 season found the Van Nuys Varsity Baseball Team in an unusual position. It was an inexperienced team that had the formidable job of defending a four-year Valley League Championship. There were no returning lettermen and only two returning squadmen from last year's Varsity Team. Because of the inexperience of the players and the small size of the squad, Coach Bill Ford had a harder job than usual trying to weld the players into a smooth working team. Coach Ford, who in the past has had teams that have finished as high as second in the city, did his usual fine job and got the most out of each player.

More than half the team was made up of juniors and sophomores. The success of the team depended largely on the speed that these young players developed. Spirit and hustle have long been a trademark of Ford coached teams, and this team proved to be no exception, as the players gave everything they had on each play.



VARSITY BASEBALL

FIRST ROW-Coach Ford, T. Pelky, H. Greene, B. Nesbitt, D. Mitchell, C. Itomitsu, B. Davidson. SECOND ROW-C. Lowe, J. Taber, H. Teich, D. Imbach, D. Duncan, D. Appleton, J. MacAdam, D. Hyman, B. Stiles, P. Laird, W. McPheeters, D. Martin, J. Otchis.

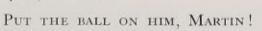
### BASED UPON PRECISION

The season opened with Bill Davidson, Wally McPheeters, Tom Pelky, Bob Stiles, and Jim Taber pitching. Denny Martin and Denny Mitchell were behind the plate, and Don Appleton and Dave Duncan worked at first base. Second base was played by Bill Nesbitt, and John MacAdam was shortstop. Denny Hyman played third, while Howard Greene was the utility man. Pete Laird was in left field, Cliff Itomitsu in center field, and Denny Imbach and Howard Teich were in right field.

In the practice games the Wolves were walloped by University 12 to 1, smashed Notre Dame 9 to 4, squeezed by Hollywood 3 to 2, and lost to Venice 8 to 2. In the first league game, Van Nuys beat Birmingham 7 to 6, as Dave Duncan squeezed home Pete Laird for the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Canoga then beat the Wolves 7 to 3, despite Denny Hyman's two hits for Van Nuys. In the third league game, the Fordmen were turned back by a strong North Hollywood team, 7 to 4. Denny Martin got two doubles in a losing cause. The fourth league game found the Wolves losing their third straight as Reseda won, 5 to 4. The San Fernando game was postponed because of rain. In the second round scores were Van Nuys 1, Birmingham 3; Van Nuys 1, Canoga 2; Van Nuys 4, North Hollywood 20, Van Nuys 2, San Fernando 3; Van Nuys 0, Reseda 1.

BREAK UP THE PLAY, HYMAN!

PUT THE BALL ON HIM, MARTIN! REACH FOR THE SKY!







APPLETON STRETCHES AS GREENE HUSTLES



J.V. BASEBALL

FIRST ROW—B. Ford, K. Lemma, M. O'Dea, C. Perle, R. Norvell, N. Gary, K. Knight, T. Weekes, J. Reardon, D. Chase, N. Tatch. SECOND ROW-T. Mohr, C. Lucky, B. Korn, D. Greiner, M. Galletch, M. Vidalis, T. O'Leary, M. Tredick, D. Hemphill, R. Woodsworth, K. Hall, G. Barton, J. Gardner. THIRD ROW—Coach Tucker, P. Alexander, B. Carpenter, P. Knox, J. Jones, D. Ramirez, J. Paris, J. Williams, L. Johnson, L. Tomlin, A. Schubert, T. Holbrook, D. Burr, P. Wesson.

### PITCHED WITHOUT PROVISION

With a turnout of more than fifty boys, the Van Nuys Junior Varsity Baseball Team tried to regain the Valley League Championship it lost last year. The team, which had a large number of sophomores, was always hustling, and gave a good account of itself in every game.

Much credit is due Coach Winston Tucker, who shaped the large group of candidates into an aggressive ball club. Top men for the Jayvees were Pat Knox, Rodney Woodsworth, Norm Tatch, and Bill Ford, pitchers; Mike O'Dea and Al Schubert, catchers; and Tom O'Leary and Gordon Barton, first basemen. John Reardon and Mike

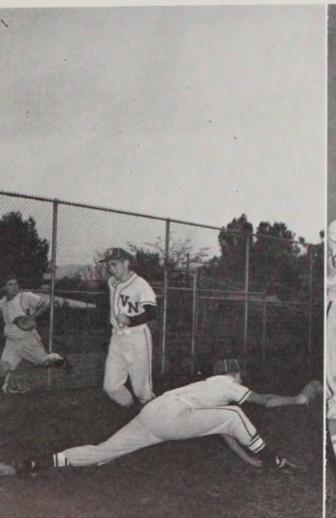
Tredick covered the second sack; Jack Suzar, Clyde Perle, and Dick Chase played third base; and Kenny Knight and Ross Norvell played shortstop. The outfield was ably patrolled by Tom Anderson, Nelson Gary, Don Burr, Kim Llema, Tom Weekes, and Tom Holbrook.

The many hours spent practicing were not in vain, as is evidenced by the following game results: Van Nuys 4, 5, Birmingham 2, 4; Van Nuys 10, 7, Canoga Park 17, 9; Van Nuys 2, 0, North Hollywood 7, 7; Van Nuys 1, 2, Reseda 3, 3; Van Nuys 2, San Fernando 7.

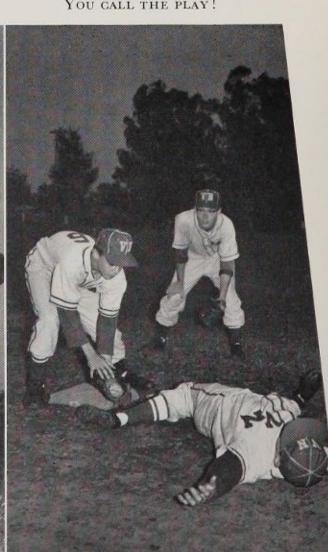
REACH FOR THE BALL, O'LEARY!

THE BIG THREE START THEIR WINDUP

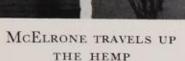
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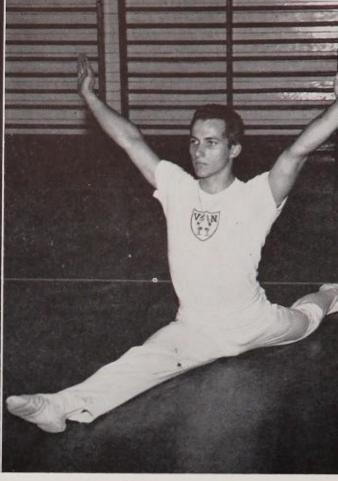








SEWELL DISPLAYS HIS MASTERY ON THE SIDE HORSE



PACK SHOWS HIS PERFECT FORM

Despite the fact that there were only three returning Lettermen, a spirited group of Van Nuys Gymnasts took third place in Valley League competition this year. Top men for Coach Barney Quinn's squad were Greg McElrone in the rope climb, Dave Pack and Jon Kelly in free exercise, Ron Stevens, Kenny Garland and Gene Mould on the high bar, and John Sewell on the parallel bars. Other Wolf standout performers were John Sewell and Gary Beaufait on the side horse, Jim Habrican on the long horse, Don Fairchilds and John Nicola on the rings, and Larry Cavanaugh, Bill Bromiley, and Don Fairchilds in tumbling.

The long hours of practice that went into perfecting their complicated routines paid off for the musclemen in the gym meets, as witnessed by the following dual meet scores: Van Nuys 96-Franklin 29 in the Wolves' only practice dual meet; Van Nuys 78½-Birmingham 40½ as John Sewell was high point man for the Wolves; Van Nuys 62-Canoga Park 66; Van Nuys 32-North Hollywood 97; Van Nuys 88-San Fernando 40; and Van Nuys 72-Reseda 57.

In the Valley League Finals the Wolves took third place. Point getters for Van Nuys were John Sewell, second in the side horse, and Beaufait, Pack, McElrone, and Lansberry.

### PURE MUSCLE INTONATION

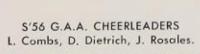
GYM TEAM

FIRST ROW—G. Beaufait, A. McBain, B. Rodine, G. Mould, G. Jones, B. Pack. SECOND ROW—R. Stemple, J. Nicola, D. Fairchilds, B. Bromiley, K. Garland, J. Stevens, N. Lantz. THIRD ROW—M. Salvaneschi, P. Diebolt, B. Sumner, L. Cavanaugh, D. Lansberry, J. Ke'ly, J. Sewell, B. Sproule.











STUDENTS OF MODERN DANCE EXEMPLIFY VARIATIONS ON A THEME THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

#### GIRLS' GYM FACULTY

FIRST ROW—Miss M. Senchak, Miss D. Baily, Mrs. E. Schwartz.
SECOND ROW—Mrs. J. Bergstrom, Miss B. Corkhill, Miss P. Taylor, Miss R. Shaw.

#### G.A.A. SPREAD

There was fun for all at the G.A.A. spread where Mother Duck Land was presented by members of the G.A.A. Winning the song competition was a thrill for the tenth grade, and newly-elected officers were equally excited when their names were announced by the "Three Men in a Tub," otherwise recognized as cheerleaders Phyllis Burton, Pat Baker and Glendine Greenwood. G.A.A. Board members dressed as various characters of the Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes and announced officers of the G.A.A. as a part of the performance. Free refreshments were enjoyed by everyone after the program. Presidents of the Girls' Athletic Association this year were Marie Sweeney and Mimi Lassiter.

MOTHER DUCK LAND COMES TO LIFE IN THE PORTRAYAL OF NURSERY RHYME CHARACTERS GIVEN AT THE G.A.A. SPREAD

W'56 G.A.A. CHEERLEADERS
P. Baker, G. Greenwood, P. Burton.





STAR LETTERGIRLS

FIRST ROW—M. Mercer, C. Beaty. SECOND ROW—K. Machado, D. Lyle, I. Earle, D. Daggett, J. Kysor, D. Woodcock, M. Sweeney, B. Stalcup, S. McKinley, S. Horman. THIRD ROW—K. Williams, J. Kingsnorth, M. Lassiter, S. Barr, C. Brown, J. Dahl, S. Hoffman, R. Hathcock.

#### LETTERGIRLS

Included among the activities enjoyed by Lettergirls this year were picnics and camping trips to Griffith Park, as well as swimming trips to which the G.A.A. was invited. After girls have filled their membership requirements in the G.A.A. they are eligible for membership in the Lettergirls' Society. During each semester of activity the Lettergirls are trained to be future officials in preparation for the biannual playday. With the guidance of Miss Shaw, sponsor of the organization, Presidents Gloria Strangman and Margo Mercer directed the Lettergirls with skill and efficiency. Officers who assisted Gloria Strangman during the fall semester were Anita Figoff, vice-president; Dagne Edmondson, secretary and Margo Mercer, treasurer. In the spring semester Margo Mercer became the new president and coordinated athletic events with the aid of Lynne Gainor, vice-president; Charlotte Beatty, secretary and Linda Ray Miller, treasurer. Mirror representatives were Kay Machado and Linda Gross.

#### LETTERGIRLS

FIRST ROW—L. Gross, M. Mercer, C. Beaty, L. Miller. SECOND ROW—B. Huffman, M. Hall, K. Peterson, D. Lyle, K. Machado, D. Daggett, J. Marso, R. Hunter, P. Burton, B. Jordahl, B. Harms, J. McNeill, S. Smith. THIRD ROW—D. Teets, E. Rae, K. Williams, M. Lassiter, C. Brown, S. Hollingworth, J. Dahl, S. Hoffman, M. Sweeney, J. Bertotti, R. Hathcock, S. Michler. FOURTH ROW—P. Boyden, J. Davidson, S. McLain, S. Crebs, G. Ilett, N. Graff, C. Badger, C. Morris, J. Kysor, D. Woodcock, S. Sill, J. Kingsnorth, I. Earle. FIFTH ROW—C. Langford, M. Heinz, S. Palmer, J. Falkinham, S. McKinley, S. Horman, B. Stalcup, K. Pratt, B. Danielson, N. Falconer.







THAT GUARD ISN'T FAST ENOUGH FOR SPEEDY

Only one more chance before you're out
Throw it to the girl on your left!

# W'56 G.A.A. BOARD FIRST ROW—S. Horman, G. Strangman, M. Sweeney, D. Edmondson, J. Lloyd. SECOND ROW—L. Combs, M. Lassiter, J. McNeill, S. Hollingworth, P. Baker, G. Greenwood, P. Burton, L. Gainor, C. Langford, S. Crebs.

## COMPOSITION

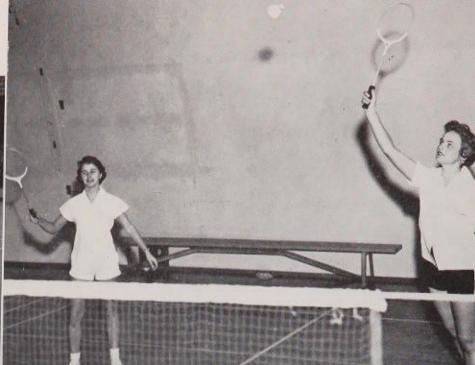
TERRY PREPARES TO STRIKE AGAIN







ONE GIRL'S ARABESQUE IS ANOTHER'S VOLLEY



WILL IT BE A HIT OR A MISS?

### FOR RECREATION

G.A.A.

Would you like to have a good time after school and be given an opportunity for leadership at the same time? That is what the Girls' Athletic Association offers the girls at Van Nuys High. Various sports are available for the girls who sign up at special rallies. Mrs. Bergstrom, the head sponsor, and the sponsors of the individual games always welcome new girls.

Marie Sweeney and Mimi Lassiter, winter and summer presidents respectively, led the girls through a joyful year.

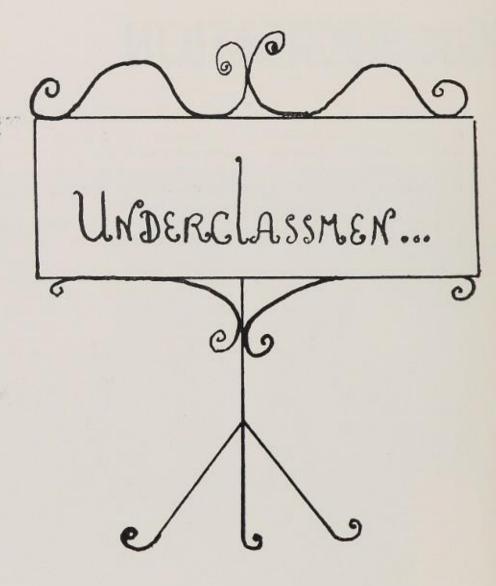
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M. Mercer, S. McKinley, J. McNeill. SECOND ROW—S. Crebs,
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Butow, D. Duncan, N. Corwin, L. Miller.

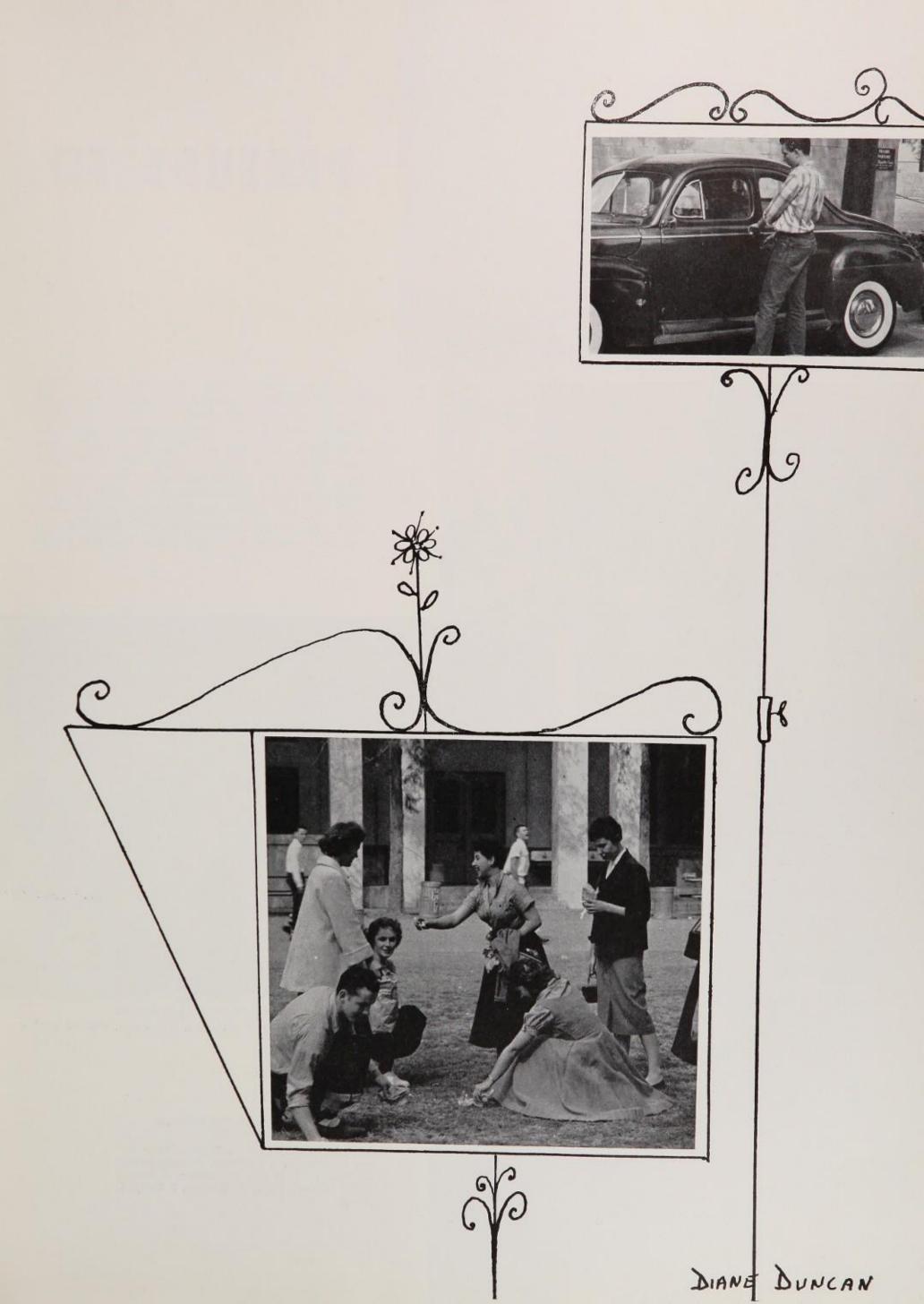
"Over here," shout the G.A.A. enthusiasts

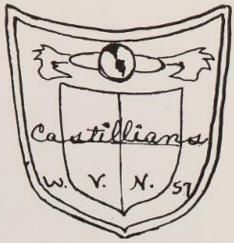












### CASTILLIAN STEERING COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—K. Machado, M. McFadden, R. Hathcock, J. Brewer. SECOND ROW—C. Bergamo, J. Glade, K. Rinne, C. Goodheart, A. Chaney, K. Williams, S. McDowell. THIRD ROW—B. Daley, B. Davidson, G. Herbranson, D. Davis, J. Follingstartt, K. Moody, S. Lotz, D. Bender.





### PRELUDE TO

A new senior class has appeared at Van Nuys High, Castillians by name. The Castillians, a proud Spanish people, have long been known for their noble traditions. The twentieth century Van Nuys Castillians, sponsored by Mrs. Kautzenbach and Mr. Kirk, will surely live up to the standards of their predecessors. Although small in number the class was full of enthusiasm. Their determination that the job should be done well helped them with their many responsibilities. Keeping the campus looking clean and fresh was the major



CASTILLIAN SWEATER COMMITTEE
FIRST ROW—A. Chaney, M. McFadden, R. Hathcock, SECOND ROW—
B. Daley, C. Avery.

### CASTILLIAN HALLS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—A. Frantzman, C. McCauley, J. Lester, K. Machado, S. McDowell. SECOND ROW—N. Falconer, C. Jacobs, S. Sommers, J. Brewer. THIRD ROW—R. Hathcock, E. McRae, B. Daley, C. Avery.

### **PRECEDENCE**

task throughout the spring semester. If one considers the size of the Van Nuys campus, the success with which the Castillians upheld this customary job was extraordinary. Plans for the Prom, given in June for the S'56 graduates, also kept the class busy. The group planned a great many other activities; all were executed in good style. The program of excellent leadership was led by President Mike McFadden. The wholehearted participation of the entire class, remarkable for a winter group, was greatly appreciated.

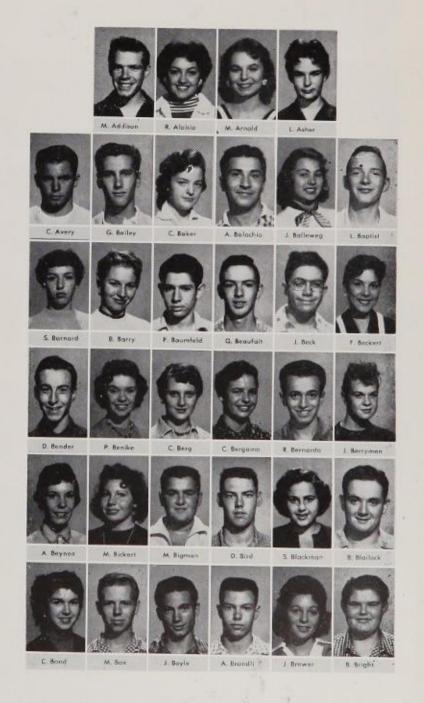


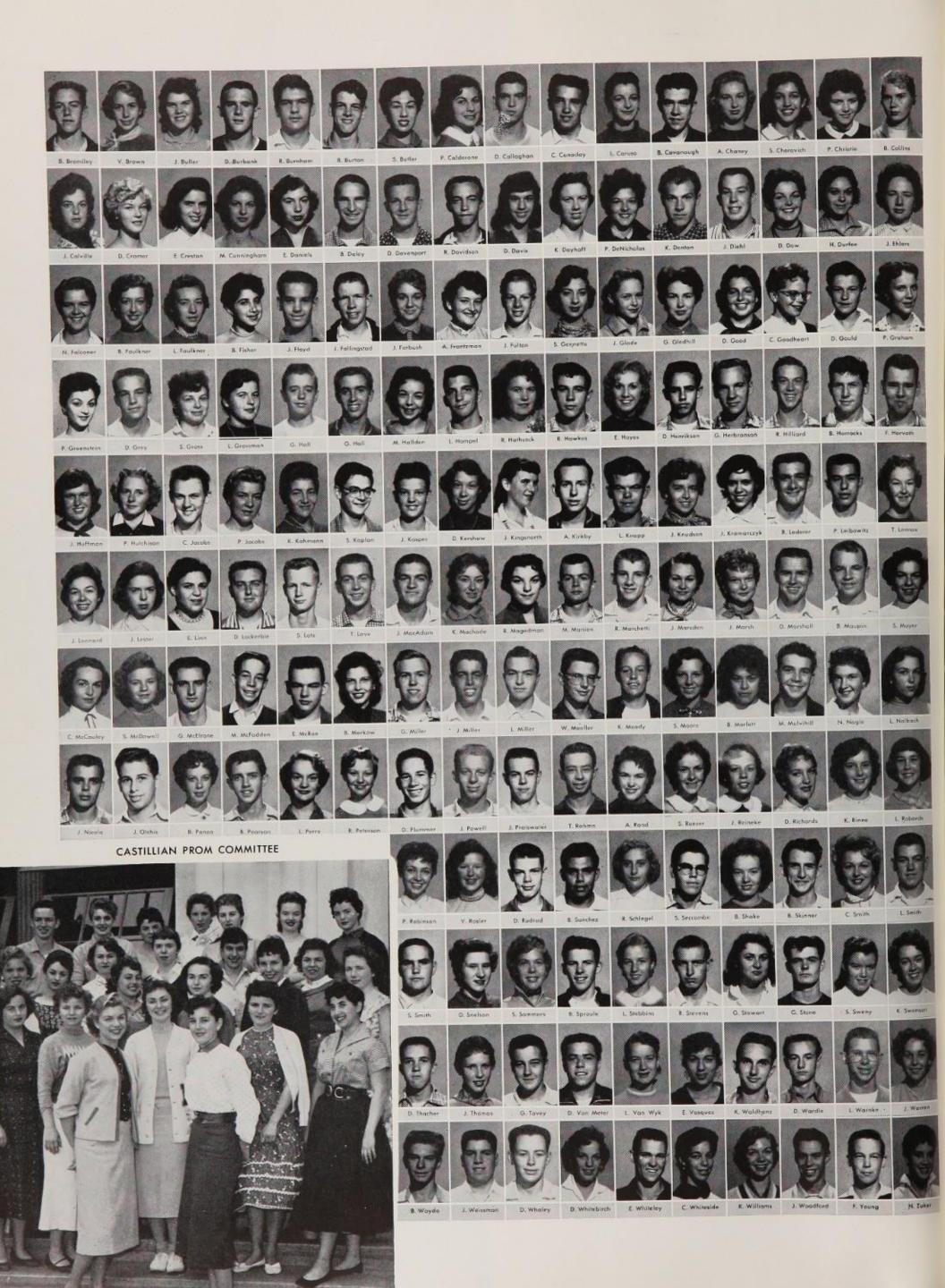
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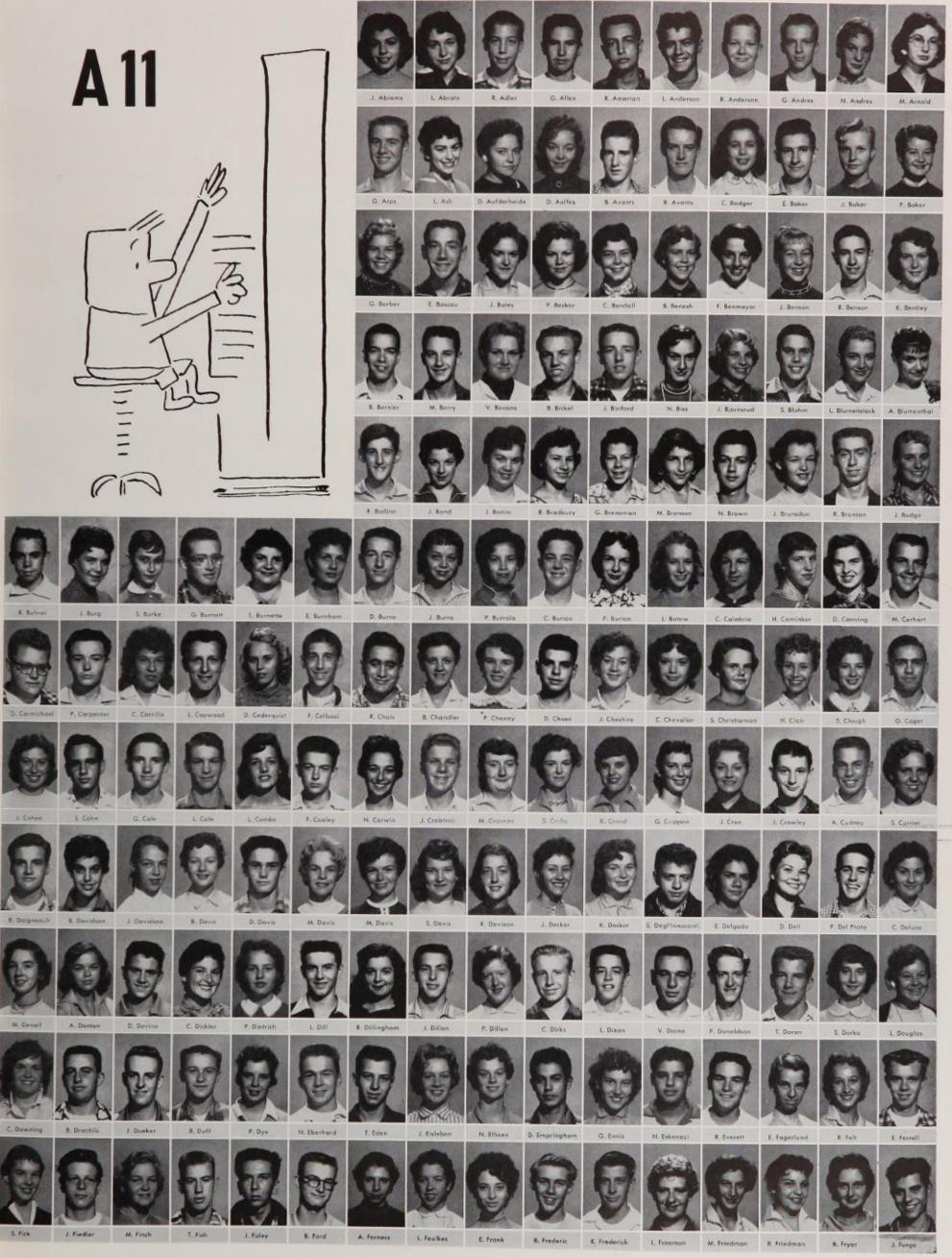
J. Brewer, Secretary; M. McFadden, President; K. Machado, Vice-President, R. Hathcock, Treasurer.



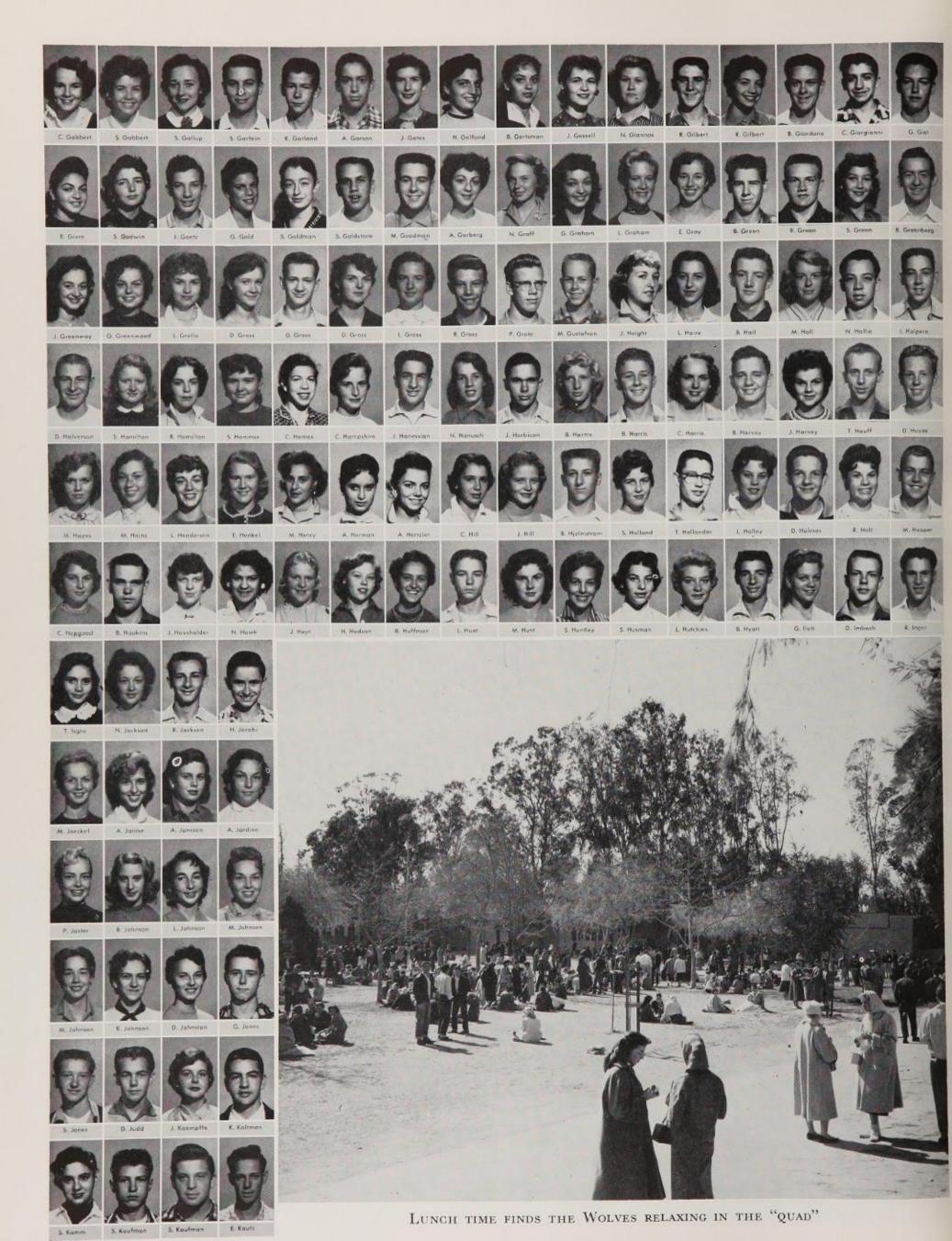
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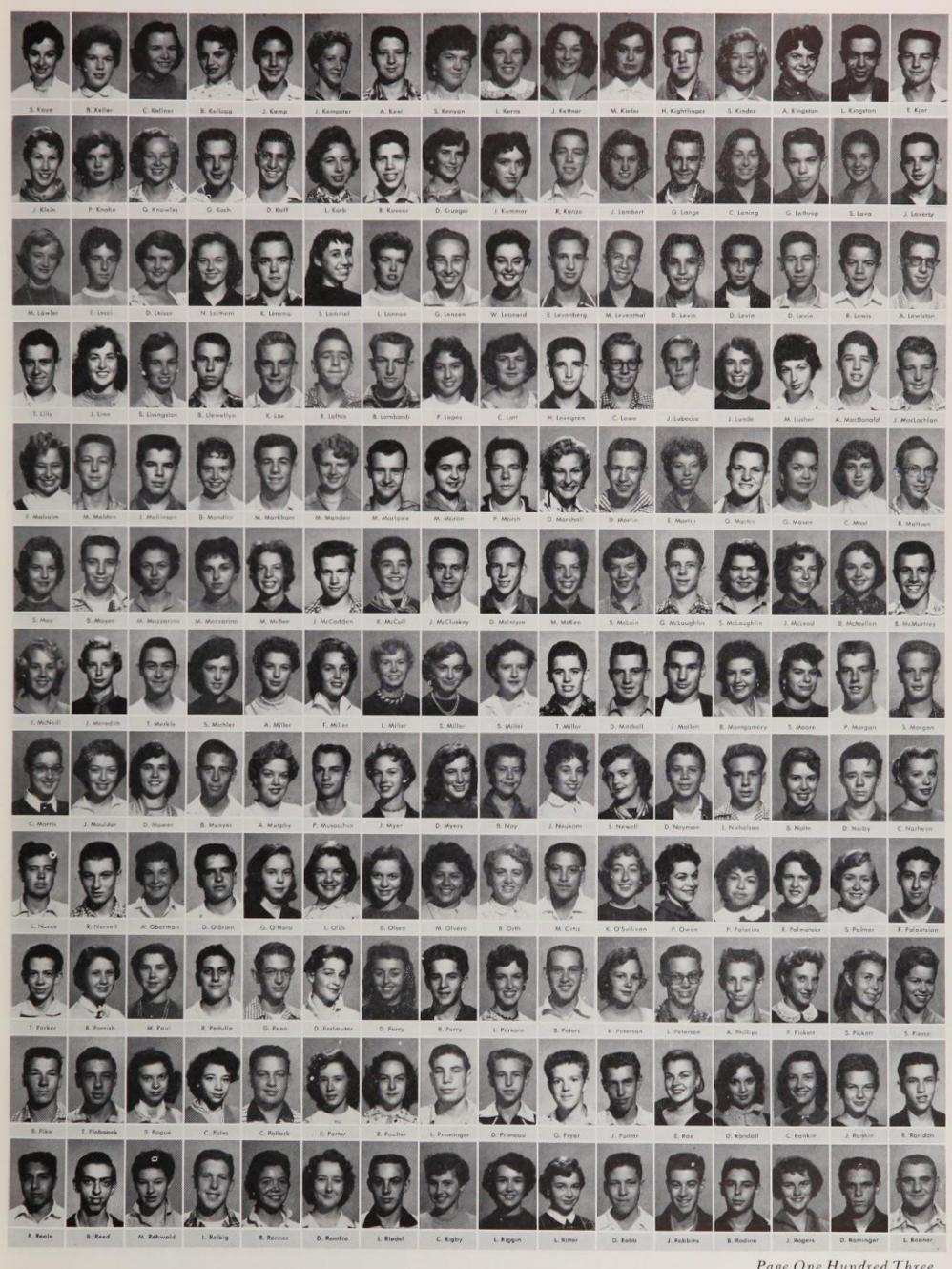


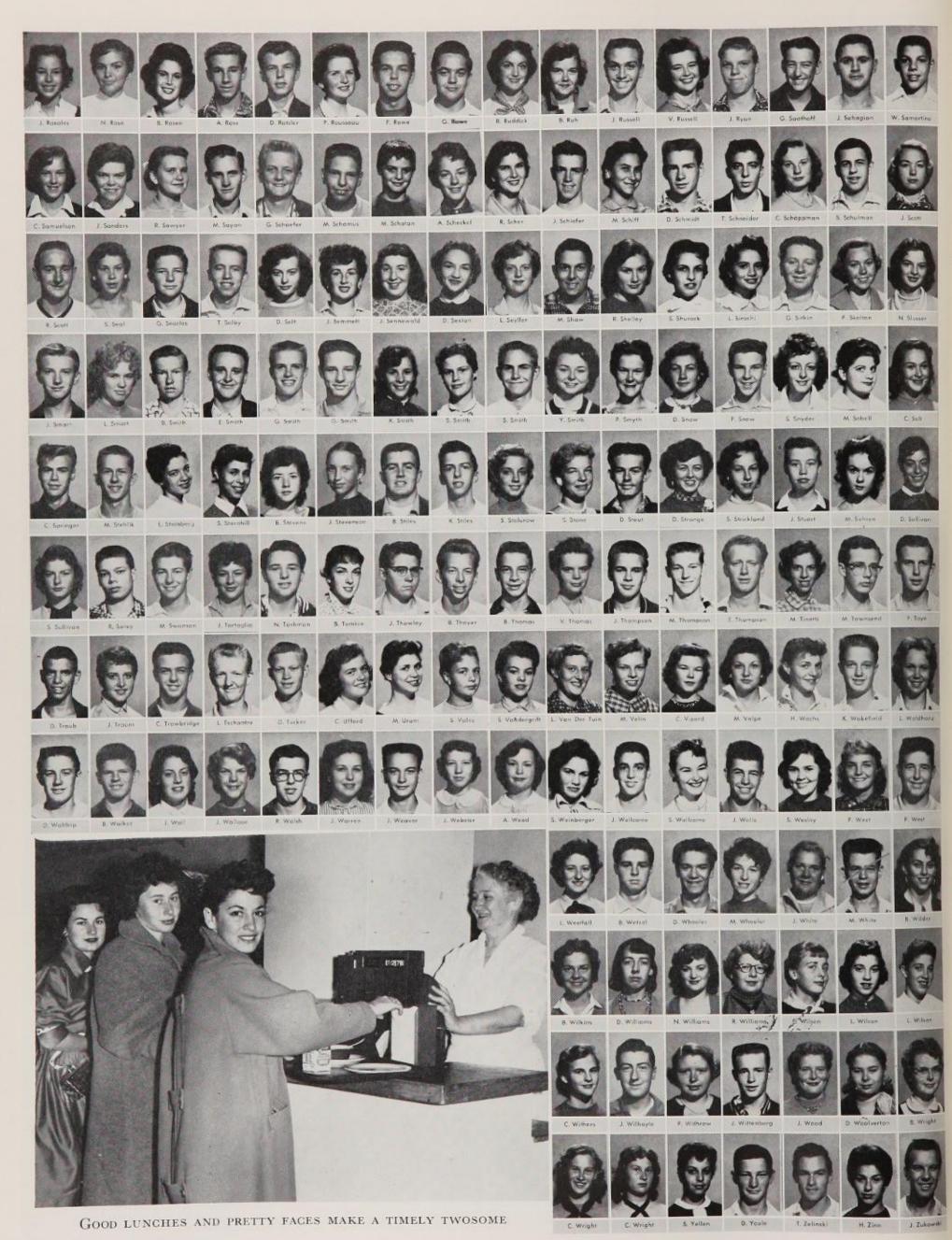


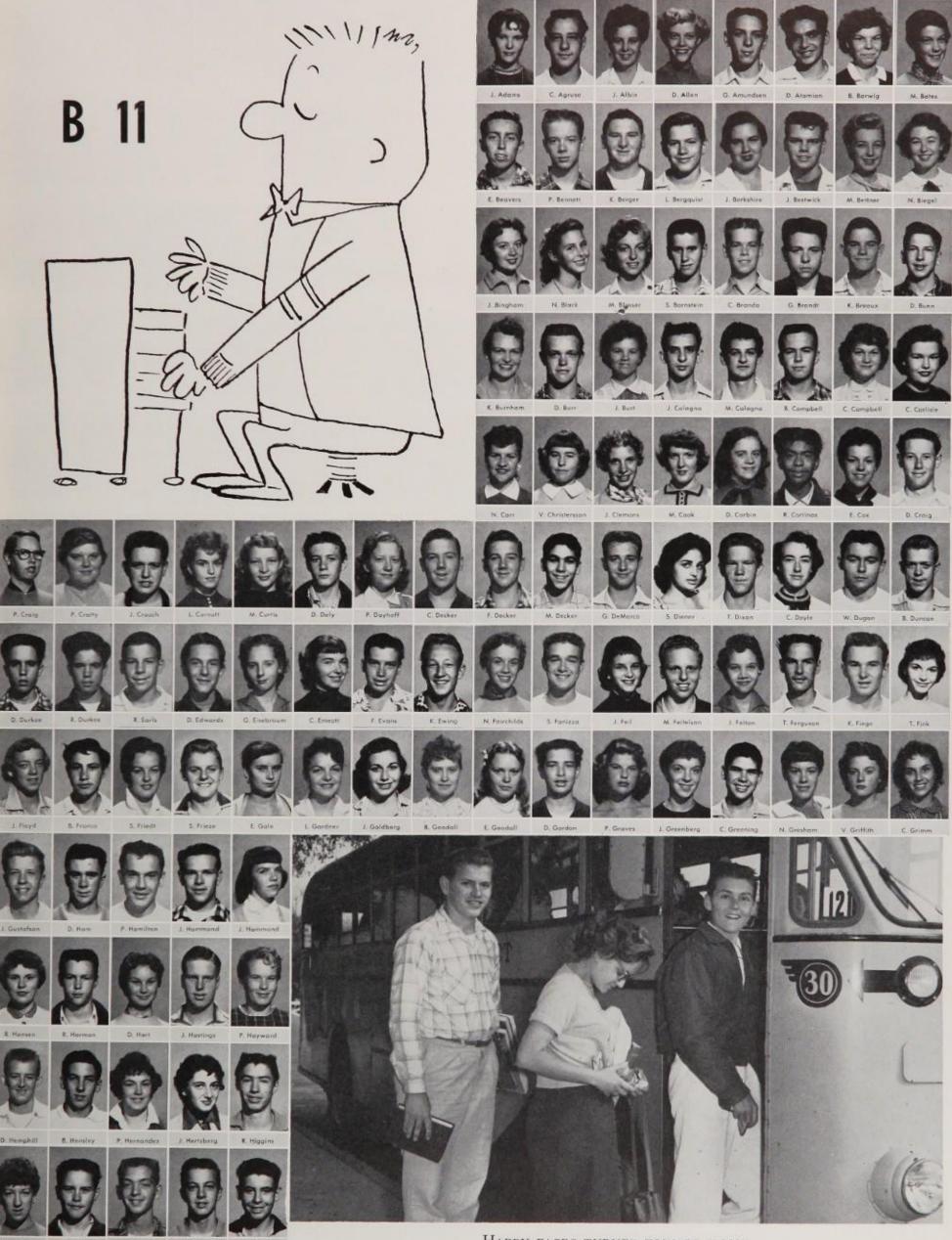
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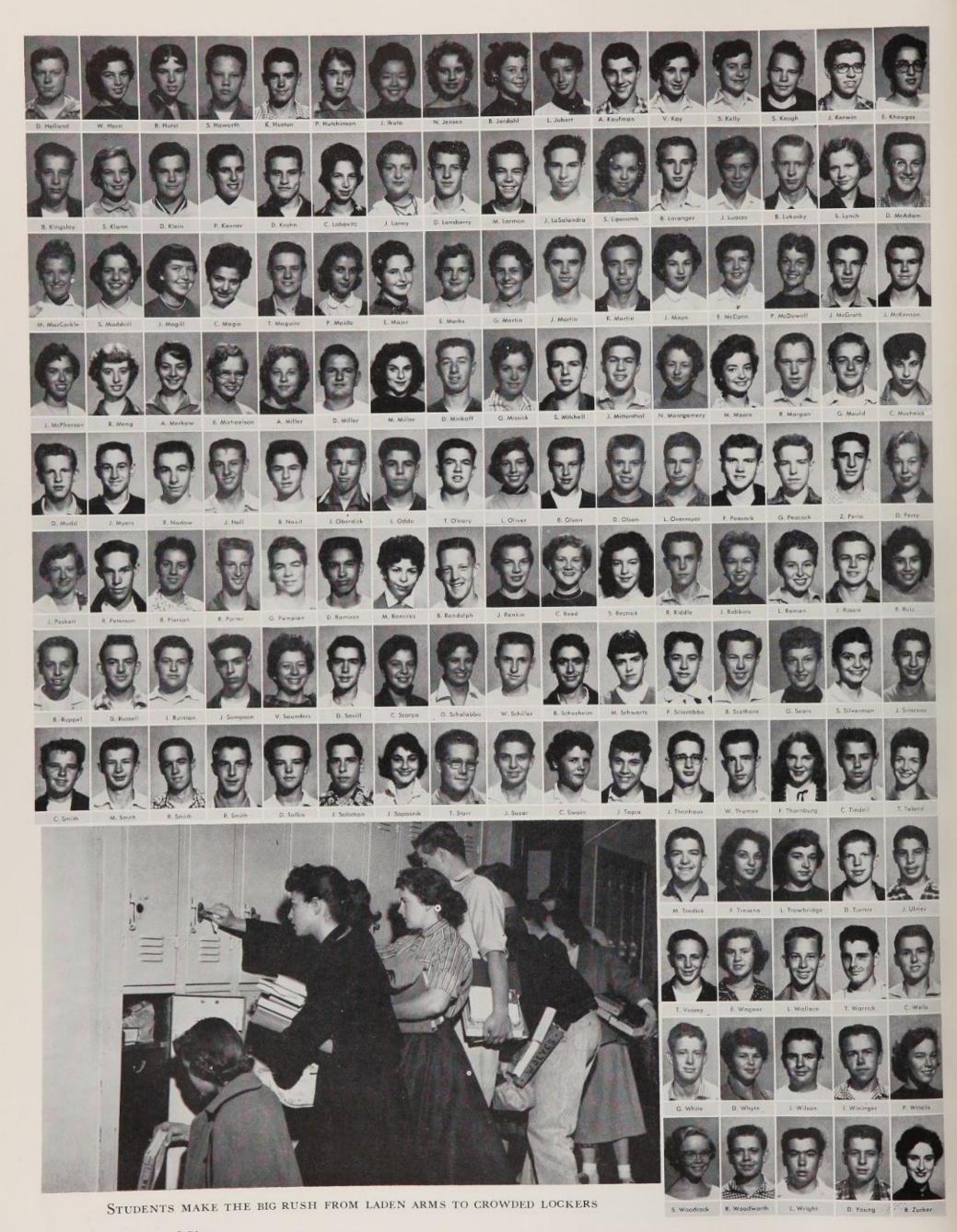
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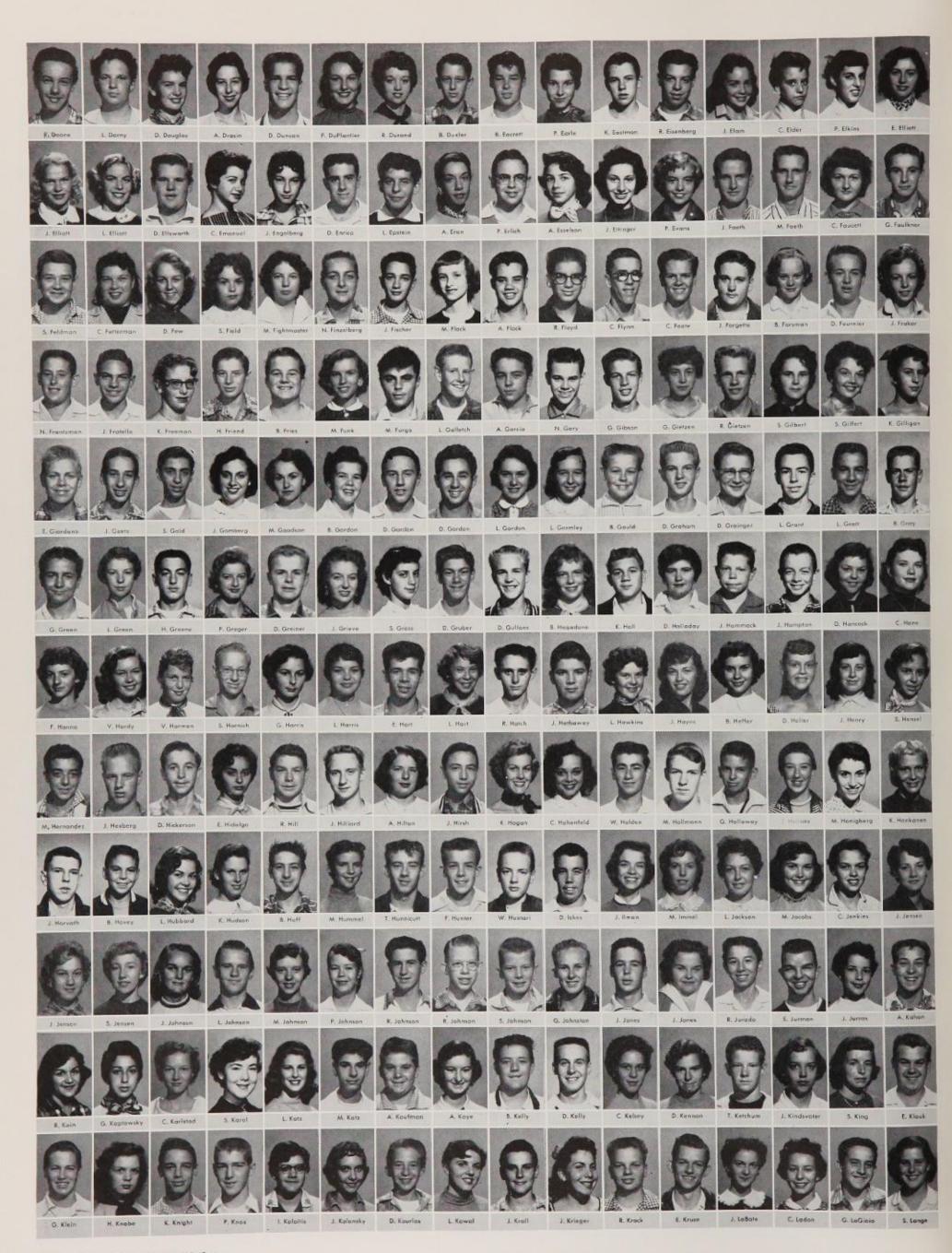


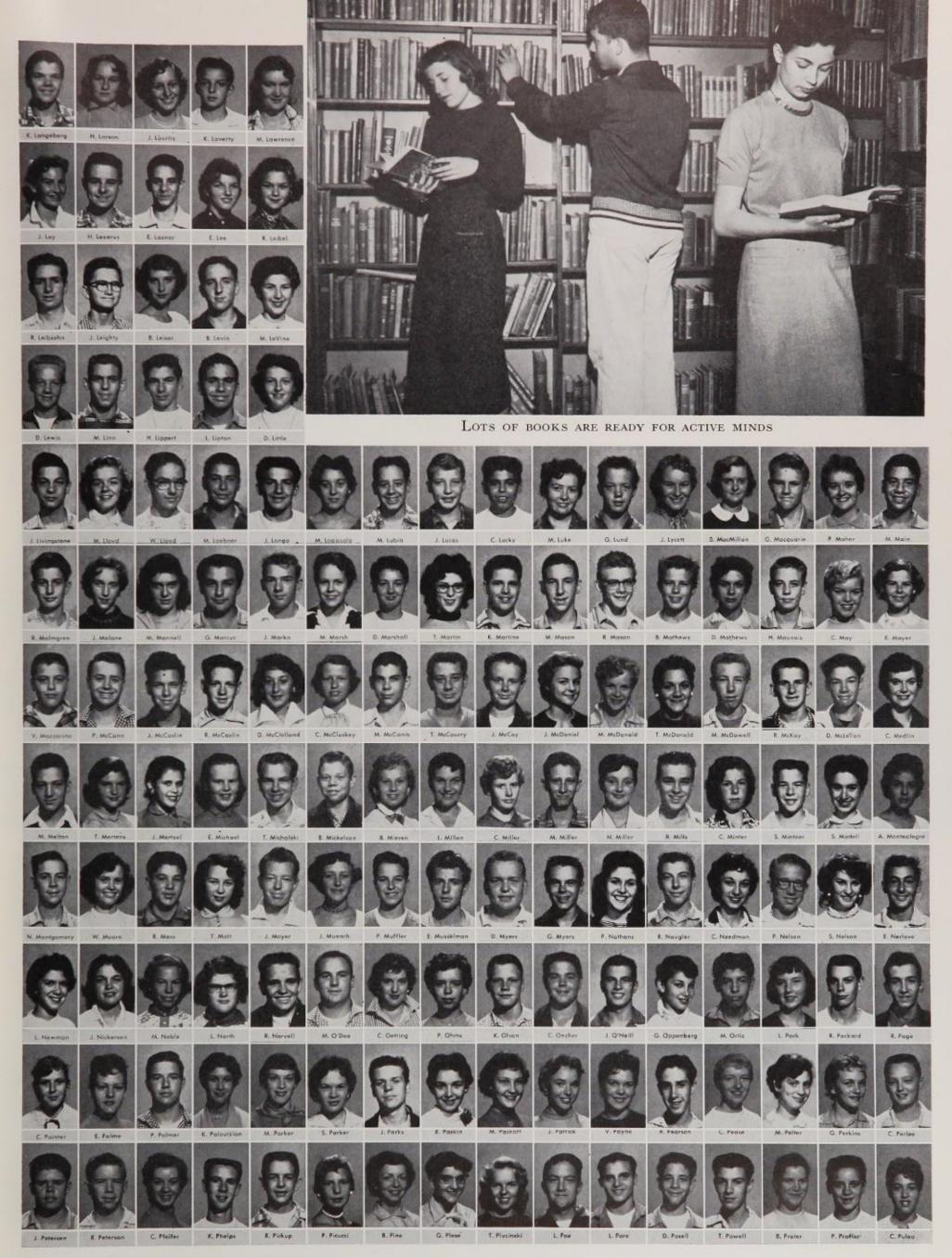
HAPPY FACES TURNED TOWARD HOME

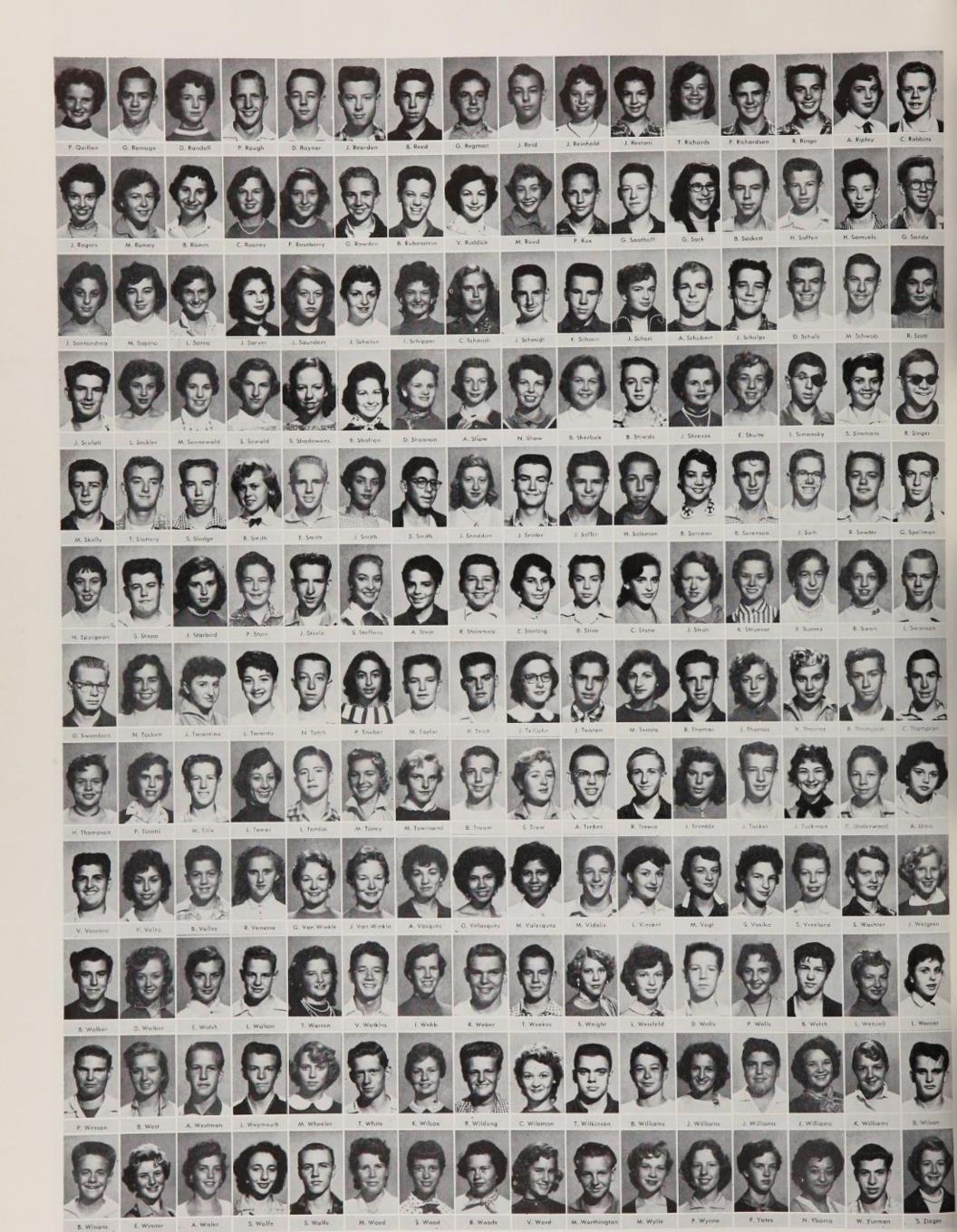


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### FUTURE LINES UPON THE STAFF



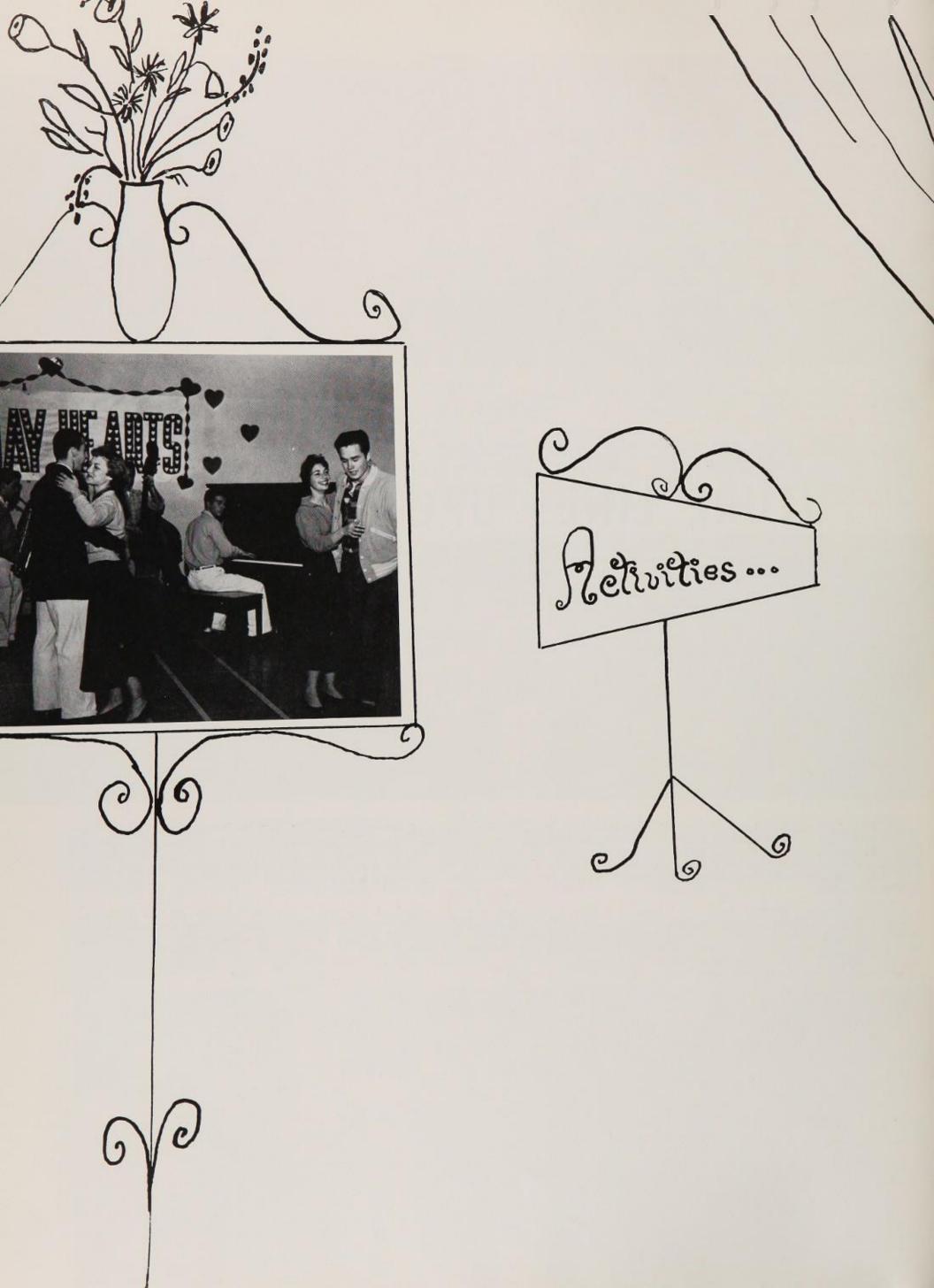
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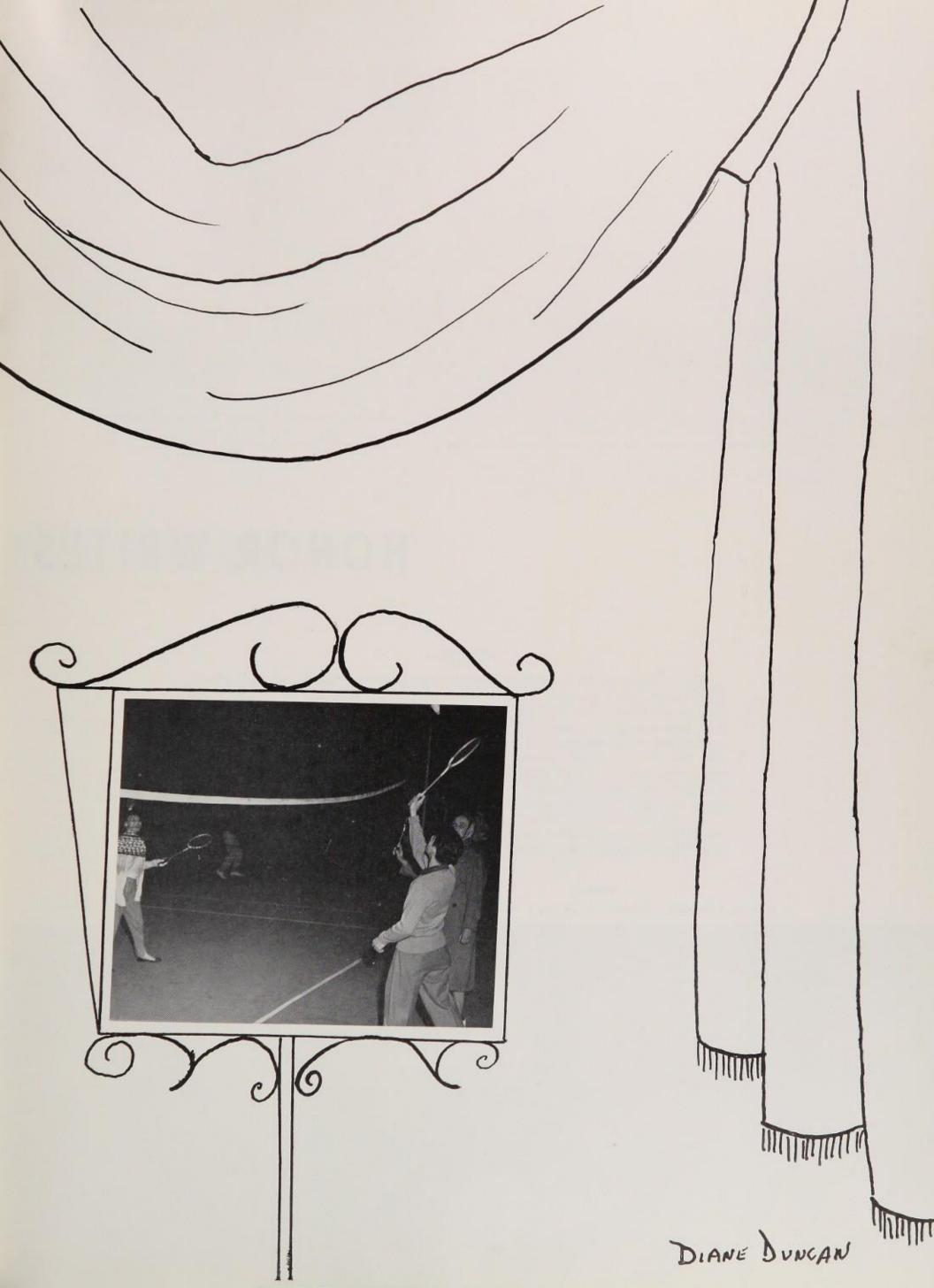
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FIRST ROW—S. Wolfberg, M. Shutta, P. Pacheco, A. Ross, J. Watson, R. Stevens, C. Wheeler, R. Raymond, C. Schwartz, A. Stevens, M. Regal, M. White, D. Wilcox, D. Williams, S. Stevens, M. Rootland. SECOND ROW—S. Sackett, C. Ross, M. Ratinoff, S. Walen, P. Perry, L. Spence, W. Frost, K. Pearson, S. Petz, B. Pearson, V. Wilson, V. Tucciarone, T. Scott, R. Petralia, B. Pickett. THIRD ROW—R. Raridon, M. Rotenberg, S. Starr, J. Woodford, D. Winger, J. Siegman, S. Taylor, C. Udell, L. Zwerg, G. Snyder, M. Smith, D. Veet, J. Sperling, B. Smith, R. Smith, F. Pincherli. FOURTH ROW—L. Stern, T. Teague, B. Thompson, L. Smith, P. Sennewald, M. Swanson, L. Price, P. Trisler, V. Porter, S. Tyer, S. Purdy, E. Pinckney, M. Salvaneschi, L. Seeley, V. Villa, J. Stratman, J. Powell, D. Zimmer.









FIRST ROW—D. Somers, D. Bergquist, J. Stephens, C. Rossie, R. Pearce, E. Larsen, J. Halverson, B. Gordon, D. Powers, C. Itomitsu, D. Mesirow, B. Baker. SECOND ROW—Mr. Means, F. Branda, T. Bosustow, J. Kelly, Q. Graham, S. Burnham, S. Schindler, J. Fuller, P. Phillipes, Mr. Comerford. THIRD ROW—S. Hudosh, D. Oatey, J. Malpasuto, G. Barnes, D. Betts, D. Bowers, G. Dermer, J. Gardner, E. Schneider, H. Poyer.

### HONOR WRITES

#### KNIGHTS

Each member of the Knights is chosen because he has a desire to serve his school. The Knights' main purpose is to co-ordinate activities between the student body and the administration. Through their activities this past year they have maintained their high standards of achievement and conduct. Most of the school leaders are to be found in this organization, which proves that the Knights are a group of boys who wish to help to the utmost of their ability. When a boy has completed his junior year and has shown qualities of leadership and outstanding school spirit, he is eligible to become a member. The Knights have proved themselves useful during the past year by aiding the faculty and the various school clubs.

Leading the Knights during the winter semester was Jack Halverson, who was followed by an outstanding spring semester president, Cliff Itomitsu. Continuing to give his fine support was their sponsor, Mr. Comerford.

#### OFFICERS

E. Larsen, E. Schneider, D. Bowers, F. Branda, J. Halverson, B. Gordon.







FIRST ROW—J. Whitmore, M. Heacock, F. Deitchman, L. Blaine, D. Baker, D. White, C. Hoffman, V. Frederick, A. Figoff, S. Schleifer, M. Sweeney, Mrs. Kirby. SECOND ROW—S. McDowell, H. Sherman, C. McKanna, S. Hoffman, B. Paisley, D. Jones, J. Walker, M. Goldman, H. Nessamar, K. Machado, C. McCauley, J. Lenoff, K. Williams, J. Miller, T. Trau, D. Beck. THIRD ROW—P. McFarlen, S. Hollingworth, K. Cleveland, J. Dahl, L. Miller, C. Brown, L. Goldstein, D. Stokes, M. Lassiter, S. Eble, D. Edmondson, J. Burroughs. FOURTH ROW—S. Barr, I. Quenzler, C. Langford, D. Duncan, S. McKinley, J. Falkinham, J. Runnels, S. Smith, C. Beoty, J. Bertotti, J. Myers, C. Mrazak, G. Strangman.

### THE MELODY

#### LADIES

Senior girls who are interested in continuing service to their school and who have above average grades are eligible for membership in the Ladies, an honor organization at Van Nuys High School. When a girl finally reaches the goal of becoming a member, her service to the school has by no means ended. As members of an honor organization, the Ladies are constantly extending help and cooperation to their school in every possible way.

The Ladies are often times co-sponsors of various social functions. With the Knights they co-sponsored the Christmas dance held in the fall. Another enjoyable social function was their installation dinner held at San Fernando Valley Country Club.

Led by two outstanding student leaders, Carla Hoffman in the winter and Sandy Barr in the summer, and under the helpful direction of their sponsor, Mrs. Kirby, the Ladies had a very enjoyable, as well as a very helpful year.



OFFICERS

C. Hoffman, D. White, D. Baker, A. Figoff, V. Frederick.

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FIRST ROW—C. Clark, A. Alba, N. Biss, F. Benmayor, L. Blumenstock, E. Bihary, R. Bradbury, B. Fisher, C. Dickter, B. Duxler, S. Bernstein, M. Davenport, J. Davidson, B. Fields, G. Beebe. SECOND ROW—D. Caldwell, S. Eble, N. Bast, A. Frantzman, F. Berquist, D. Corbin, L. Combs, L. Blaine, N. Corwin, J. Chapnick, N. Fairchilds, B. Bergquist, C. Branda, C. Flynn, M. Denall. THIRD ROW—W. Chancellor, C. Brown, I. Earle, N. Bishop, B. Birch, B. Bourdon, B. Backus, P. Erlich, S. Bensussen, J. Fuller, J. Berkshire, J. Dare, D. Anderson, N. Beaver. FOURTH ROW—L. Bird, S. Blackman, B. Feldman, K. Davison, J. Ferguson, J. Ettinger, M. Barnes, G. Boggs, L. Barton, A. Chaney, D. Duncan, K. Dean, R. Benson.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

For membership in the Scholarship Society one must earn three A's and one B. During this past year the organization upheld its motto of "Scholarship for Service" by maintaining its college files, by supplying ushers and guides for the College Advisement night, and by being ever ready to assist at any school function, such as taking an active part in Campus Control. The club had many guest speakers who tried to help the members decide upon their futures. The group is a member of the California Scholarship Federation. To become a scal-bearer, the highest honor the society bestows, one must have had four semesters of membership, one of which is in the senior year. Presiding officer of the club in the fall was Susan Hoffman, and Joanne Rosales presided in the spring. Miss Robb continued her excellent support as their sponsor.

#### PHILOMATHEANS

Composed of B-10's who made scholarship grades (three A's and one B, excluding gym) in the A-9, the Philomatheans is an organization formed so that recognition may be given to these underclassmen.

The organization teaches its members the use of proper study habits, so that they may continue to earn the grades which will later enable them to become members of the Scholarship Society. This aim of the Philomatheans, to become Scholarship members, was evident in the joint meetings and activities held by the two organizations. Contributing to the enjoyment of these meetings were the faculty speakers and various outside speakers.

The club was under the able direction of Mrs. Stewart, their faculty sponsor, and the capable leadership of Ira Yellin, president in the fall and Suzi Coppage, president in the spring.

### SONGS OF GRADE

C.S.F.

FIRST ROW—J. Lester, E. McCann, S. McDowell, E. Jewell, C. Laning, D. Marshall, F. Hanna, S. Hollingworth, S. Gallup, M. Main, S. Mintzer, M. Goldman, P. McFarlen, S. Modell, S. Hensel, C. Karlstad, S. Jensen, E. Gould, G. Martin. SECOND ROW—A. Kaufman, M. Inmel, J. Hertzberg, E. Majer, C. Ladon, S. Jue, M. Koch, M. Jaickel, L. Holley, S. McLain, G. Green, J. Jurras, L. Hawkins, I. Halpern, F. Kochakji, D. Gledhill, L. Lieber, S. Lynch. THIRD ROW—M. Kryder, M. Hall, D. Hyman, L. Korb, D. Koff, S. Lava, J. Kasper, M. Lassiter, M. Heinz, C. McCauley, S. Kelly, Q. Graham, L. Goldman, B. Gertsman, D. Gordon, J. Leighty, G. Miller, N. Jensen, G. Lathrop, E. Mayer, I. Kolaites. FOURTH ROW—P. Kovner, B. Kruche, A. Jamieson, G. Downing, M. Markham, W. Huotari, L. Miller, L. Hampel, J. Kemp, H. Jacobs, J. Goetz, G. Gibson, J. Kelly, J. Leonard, E. Giordano, D. Gordon, M. Lloyd, S. Karol.





FIRST ROW—G. Nielsen, M. Paskoff, H. Sherman, S. Thurack, P. Phillipes, J. Rosales, Miss Robb, S. Hoffman, M. Sweeney, J. Otchis, R. Stark, R. Raridon, L. Preminger, W. Pritikin. SECOND ROW—M. Rose, S. Spurgeon, J. Sewald, L. Oliver, S. Schleifer, S. Palmer, H. Nessamar, D. Powers, G. Sack, P. Nathans, B. Pine, J. Shreves, L. Smart, L. Rich, J. Olson, P. Rousseau. TH.RD ROW—R. Palmateer, B. Scott, B. Rosen, J. Stroh, M. Rehwald, C. Needman, J. Runnels, S. Smith, L. Pattin, R. Shelley, J. Rankin, J. Rischmann, K. Pratt, J. Sennewald, B. Parrish, S. Sill, R. Peterson, J. Reardon, P. Stern.

FIRST ROW—G. Weber, D. Ward, P. Weiner, J. Weber, B. Van Alstyne, Y. Anderson, J. Walker, C. Vizard, C. Withers, L. Van Wijk, M. Townsend, B. Williams, L. Tushnet. SECOND ROW—J. Weissman, B. Zucker, S. Vreeland, J. Thomas, B. Wood, T. Toland, J. Telljohn, P. Yates, J. Tokar, V. Yacullo, D. Weiss, I. Yellin.

### TONALITY

#### PHILOMATHEANS

FIRST ROW — J. Mittenthal, K. Carlson. SECOND ROW — S. Stevens, P. Carr, J. McKanna, J. Hibbard, N. Antola, M. Regal, M. Hendler. THIRD ROW—B. Petralia, M. Gonder, L. Smith, B. Mezo, P. Lorner, S. Lawhead, C. Jensen, S. Starr, M. Rootland, P. Lowe.





SQUIRES

FIRST ROW—G. Beaufait, T. Hollander, M. Shaw, A. Kent, H. Jacobs, J. Kemp, B. Mattson, R. Raridon, R. Lewis. SECOND ROW—M. Goldenberg, S. Garfein, B. Bergquist, S. Kaufman, I. Halpern, A. Kahan, D. Green, J. Binford. THIRD ROW—J. Schiefer, L. Dill, P. Nelson, D. Gordon, J. Hanessian, G. Pryor, R. Kovner, T. Bergman, B. Ford, M. Taylor.

### **GRAND MEASURES**

#### **SQUIRES**

The Squires, one of the younger clubs on the campus, is steadily becoming one of the top honor organizations of Van Nuys High. The aim of the Squires is to advance and help the school in every way possible. It is open to boys of the tenth and eleventh grades. The club gives these boys a chance to progress in service and leadership.

Two of the important projects undertaken during the past year were the hall patrol at noon, and the parking of cars for the Senior Prom. The Squires are actively participating in "Campus Control." They were ably directed by Gary Beaufait in the winter and Bill Mattson in the spring. Their sponsor, Mr. McCallister, continued his excellent support.

#### CAFETEERS

Responsible for the friendly, efficient service of the cafeteria, hash lines, and the Wolves' Den were the many members of the Cafeteers. The main purpose of the Cafeteers is to give some students, who are interested, a chance to learn methods of food handling and to gain the valuable experience of handling large sums of money. A party was given near the end of the fall semester in appreciation of their unselfish service. Another one was also held for the members of the Cafeteers during the spring semester.

The club was led by Harriett Caminker in the fall semester and Judy Anton in the spring. Continuing the fine sponsorship during the year was Mr. Brocki.

#### CAFETEERS

FIRST ROW—D. Anderson, K. Goodall, S. Tucker, I. Cassell, J. Chapnick, S. Lynch, P. Edney, P. Hardy, L. Curry, E. Majer, M. Honigberg, E. Rae. SECOND ROW—D. Robinson, G. Hall, N. Gould, R. Pedulla, C. Matherly, I. Halpern, J. Muench, J. Sneddon, C. Schwartz, J. Holmes, W. Leonard, L. Riggin, Mr. A. Brocki.



#### KEY CLUB

In keeping with their motto of "Service to school and community," the Key Club maintained their excellent record during the past year. Among their service activities was the operation of the football concessions, a project which contributed to the enjoyment of the games. Members kept up their vocational guidance program for the Senior Ayes. They have now instigated a new trophy to be awarded to the Senior Aye who is outstanding in service to school and to community.

Our Key Club was very fortunate this past year in that the International Vice-president of Key Clubs, Gordon Lathrop, was one of our own students. With the continued support of their sponsor, Mr. Miller, the club had a record of high achievement. Others who contributed to the successful year were Bob Gordon, winter President; and Pete Phillipes, spring President.



KEY CLUB
FIRST ROW—P. Phillipes, President; C. Branda, M. Davenport, S. Sledge. SECOND ROW—
D. Bender, M. Main, D. Koff, M. Taylor. THIRD ROW—I. Yellin, R. Stark, Mr. Miller, D. Powers, H. Styron.

### OF UTILITY

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Boys interested in the general welfare of others are those of the Safety Club. These boys carried the responsibility of maintaining high safety standards at Van Nuys High School. Their assistance at the fire drills was greatly appreciated.

The club was under the able direction of Gary Miller, president in the winter semester, and Carroll Jacobs, summer president. Director of all activities and counselor for the club this past year was their faculty sponsor, Mr. Hampton.



SAFETY COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—G. Jones, J. Wilhoyte, D. Ham, T. Hollander, C. Jacobs, L. Lathrop, B. Cox, L. Smith, J. Laverty, J. Binford, J. Gardner. SECOND ROW—Mr. Hampton, W. McPheeters, G. Miller, A. Gettelman, A. McBain, G. Pryor, S. Garfein, D. Bergquist, J. Duncan, R. Dawson, R. Gilbert.



USHERS

FIRST ROW—Mr. Gunn, J. Fuller, J. Kelly, S. Kaufman, SECOND ROW—M. Taylor, P. Rux, B. Valles, B. Shields, V. Mazzarino, A. Balachio, G. Weber, C. Ortega, A. Stein, A. Kahan, A. Kaufman, N. Gary, R. McKay, M. Main, S. Bensussen. THIRD ROW—D. Gordon, E. Balachio, B. Winans, I. Yellin, R. Stark, G. Green, R. Andreasen, P. Starr, J. Temen, D. Myers, D. Cohen, B. Mattson, B. Burton, R. Jacoby.

#### USHERS

Under the fine leadership of Co-ordinators Jon Kelly and Jon Fuller and Head Sponsor Mr. Gunn, the Ushers fulfilled their goal of service to the school. Throughout the year they consistently proved their efficiency as they helped to seat people at assemblies. Also deserving of mention were the Assistant Sponsors Mr. B. Friedman, Mr. Marchese, Mr. Meyer, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Richardson and Assistant Co-ordinators Lee Robbins, Charles Ortega, Peter Fowles, and Jerry Wright. The entire student body owes its thanks to the Ushers for their excellent assistance rendered to both the individual and the school.

#### MAKE-UP CREW

Providing the glamour for all of the school productions, the members of the Make-Up Crew showed their ingenuity in theatrical make-up. All the members of the crew were both skilled and willing to cooperate towards the aims of the club. Each of the participants in the many activities of the organization showed his interest by doing the excellent work that made our school productions of the finest caliber. The invaluable supervision of their sponsor, Mr. Hall, was greatly appreciated by the members of the crew as they carried on their fine endeavors throughout the year, and overcame many of the hurdles of stage production.

### SERVICE CONDUCTED READILY



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MAKE-UP CREW
FIRST ROW-F. Rowe, T. Kjar.
SECOND ROW-B. Zucker, L. Goldman, J. Davidson, S. McLain, L. Holley.





STAGE CREW
FIRST ROW—D. Pipes, D. Holmes, J. Schiefer, L. Miller, T. Rahmn, J. Perry, C. Conn, Mr. C. Gates.
SECOND ROW—J. Crowey, K. Berger, J. Hathaway, C. Bowers, D. Light, B. Wyneken.

# SECTIONS OF HELP ACCOMPANY

#### PUBLIC ADDRESS CREW

To provide the medium through which the student body could be informed of events was the main objective of the Public Address Crew. Among the projects during the past year was the operation of the sound equipment for the school athletic events. The group also provided the sound facilities for announcements on campus at noon and at rallies. In addition to the enjoyment received by the student body, members of the Public Address Crew obtained practical experience in learning to overcome difficulties involved in sound production. Under the supervision of their sponsor, Mr. Kopp, the group provided both service to the school and enjoyment for everyone.

### PUBLIC ADDRESS CREW FIRST ROW—R. Barrington, T. Rahmm, Mr. Kopp. SECOND ROW— K. Balsley, B. Sumner, G. Figelski, C. Selb. THIRD ROW—D. Gledhill, M. Terry.



#### STAGE CREW

Handling the scenery and lighting with amazing deftness, the Stage Crew proved itself one of the hardest working organizations in the school. Many pepole do not realize the many hours of toil which go into the construction of a stage set or the co-operation which is necessary to produce an assembly. Each of the crewmen realized that these hours of work were not in vain, for much practical experience was gained by them. The Stage Crew served at all the many assemblies for the student body. Much of the credit for the excellent work of the organization should go to its fine sponsor, Mr. Gates, who worked tirelessly in order to co-ordinate the efforts of all.

#### TICKET TAKERS

One of the most needed organizations on the campus was the Ticket Takers, who offered their help whenever there was a school activity requiring tickets for admittance. Each of the members of the organization owes his gratitude to the fine sponsor of the Ticket Takers, Mr. Robinson, for his assistance in making the group very successful during the past year. The student leader of the club for the winter was Larry Nahikian. He was ably succeeded by Arnold Kaufman during the summer.

#### TICKET TAKERS FIRST ROW—Mr. Robinson, A. Kaufman, J. Fischer, G. Pumpian, R. Stark.





FIRST ROW—C. Melim, S. Lent, D. Hancock, M. Funk, M. Vogt, P. Tobert, Miss O'Hanlon. SECOND ROW—P. Perry, B. Fields, S. Palmer, G. Ilett, E. Givre, S. Steffens, J. Mayo, D. Chamberlain, B. Shumate, J. Sneddon. THIRD ROW—J. Hoyt, S. Lynch, B. Johnston, J. Hilliard, D. Erickson, M. Curtis, M. Lloyd, J. Reed.

FIRST ROW—G. Basso, N. Drysdale, G. Johnson, J. Chancellor, P. Rousseau, K. Pratt, R. Hunter, J. Marso, Miss O'Hanlon. SECOND ROW—D. Cooper, L. Burns, P. Duncan, C. Campbell, J. Houtari, D. Youle, J. Kysor, J. Ferguson, J. Tokar. THIRD ROW—M. Winchester, L. Butz, J. Brickey, J. Barnes, D. Striegel, S. Crippen, D. Woodcock, M. Wisusik.

#### FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Endeavoring to develop competent, aggressive business leadership, the Future Business Leaders of America, under the fine direction of Mrs. Friedman and Miss O'Hanlon, had many fine events which were both informative and interesting to its members. Some of these events were the Fall Fashions Show, hearing speakers from the charm and modeling schools, and attendance at the FBLA convention. The club also decorated the business department rooms for all of the holidays.

Excellent leadership was given to the club by the winter president, Ross Ketchum, and by its summer president, Karen Pratt. Capably filling the other offices were Janet Hoyt as vice-president of assemblies in the winter and Bob Kinder, who was elected to that office in the summer. Pat Rousseau was elected as vice-president of publicity in the winter, and Jerry Hilliard was elected in the spring. Vice-president of social activities in the winter was Karen Pratt, and following her was Sally Palmer in the summer. Barbara Behrl ably filled the office of vice-president of the treasury in the winter, and this office was filled during the summer by Janet Hoyt.

CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN-AND THE WOMAN, TOO!



#### WHITE CAPS

FIRST ROW—L. Foote, L. Fouches, E. Mayer, B. Sherlock, N. Tackett, J. Berkshire, N. Council. SECOND ROW—P. Mc-Farlen, B. Pinckney, B. Asmus, N. Black, B. Romm, N. Biegel, A. Shaw. J. Hibbard. THIRD ROW—E. Michael, M. Fenton, M. Noble, C. Karlstad, S. Jensen, S. Coppage, Mrs. Freeman.

#### WHITE CAPS

Girls who are interested in the nursing profession make up the White Caps. The purpose of this club is to obtain and relate information about nursing. The girls have visited many hospitals and have had guest speakers talk to them on the various aspects of nursing as a profession.

Through the efforts of their officers, Joyce Dahl, president in the fall semester; Bonny Sherlock, president in the spring semester, and their very capable sponsor, Mrs. Freeman, the club was able to have a very advantageous year.



#### F.H.A.

Helping with the American Legion Christmas Project, enjoying a Chinatown dinner with their parents, and dressing dolls for a nursery school were only a few of the many important activities of the Future Homemakers of America. The objectives of the club were to give leadership and service to the school, in addition to giving appreciation and interest in homemaking and family life to its members. With the able assistance of their sponsor, Miss Schaper, the organization sent CARE packages, and had a delightful picnic with their parents. The club was capably led throughout the year by President Libby Goldman and Vice-President Barbara Beaufait.

#### F.T.A.

Relatively new on the school roster of organizations is the Future Teachers of America Club. The main object of this group is to encourage students who are interested in becoming teachers. This society tries to encourage and cultivate the qualities necessary to become an excellent teacher. One of the activities of the group is to acquaint new students with Van Nuys High School.

Largely responsible for the organization's success was Mrs. Thompson. She was assisted by two fine officers, Roberta Robertson, as winter president and Beverly Birch as summer president. Many others also helped with the success of this club.

### **VOCATIONS CREATE A MATERIAL AIR**

F.H.A.

FIRST ROW—L. Goldman, Miss Schaper, Sponsor; B. Beaufait. SECOND ROW—R. Bradbury, D. Kennon, J. Smith, M. Whipple, B. Chandler, G. Cole,

F.T.A.

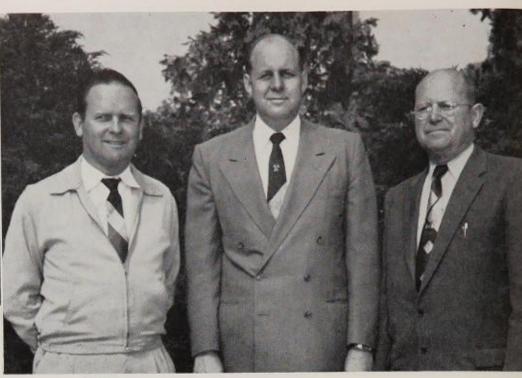
FIRST ROW—P. Fluarnay, D. Blacker, J. Kairath, L. Lieber, B. Birch. SECOND ROW—J. Telljohn, H. Steven, Mrs. O. Thompson, K. Pratt, R. Danielson, Mr. F. Culwick.







F.F.A. OFFICERS
FIRST ROW—C. Rayl, J. Vetter.
SECOND ROW—J. Wilkinson, J. Kanavos, J. Vaccaro.



F.F.A. INSTRUCTORS Mr. King, Mr. Nielson, Mr. Rollins.

# AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS . . . . MOVEMENT IN CARE

The Van Nuys Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was one of the most active organizations at Van Nuys High. There were many contests, shows, field days, and fairs in which the members were able to participate during the past year. The group had entries in The Great Western Livestock Show, Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Los Angeles City Horticulture Contest, 51st District Fair, and the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona. For recreation and enjoyment, the boys went on snow trips, fishing trips, attended the Father

and Son Barbecue, and competed in Inter-Valley Sports. Mr. Nielson, Mr. Rollins, and Mr. King were the instructors for the chapter. The boys were ably led throughout the year by the following fine officers: Presidents Dave Luce and Jerry Vaccaro, Vice-Presidents Chuck Edwards and John Kanavos, Secretaries Don Lawrence and Jack Vetter, Treasurers Joe Wilkinson and Sam Pierce, Reporters Ralph Emerson and Charles Rayl, Sentinels Sam Pierce and Joe Wilkinson.

#### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

FIRST ROW—D. Cartozean, D. Ferguson, L. Warnke, J. Vetter, J. Wilkinson, J. Vaccaro, B. Taft, A. Kruse, C. Rayl, E. Goodwin, Larry Coia, J. Kanavos, R. Lederer, J. Kroll, D. Gaboury. SECOND ROW—D. Anderson, B. Walker, G. Rowe, T. Beck, P. Proffer, B. Green, D. Daly, R. Loomis, R. Sauer, W. Tyson, F. Orlando, W. Taylor, B. Bernier, P. Wesson, B. Lyons. THIRD ROW—J. Tenner, M. Bigman, D. Kelly, H. Bennet, J. Butz, J. Thompson, J. McCaslin, J. Anderson, R. Hill, J. Lauck, R. McCaslin, J. Tapio, A. Phillips, C. Shields, R. Wilding, G. Whitney.



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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

FIRST ROW—M. Sullivan, R. Scott, A. Cudney, C. Collins, E. Ingle, D. Davenport, B. Ehrlich, J. Berryman, J. DuKay, J. Whitaker, H. Klipstein, S. Burnette, T. McCoury, D. Deike. SECOND ROW—Mr. King, V. Citro, S. Fleischen, B. Grudt, B. Hopkins, D. Gordon, B. Reed, H. Fry, D. Gordon, L. Zomlin, T. Dixon, D. Wilcox, L. Fulmore, M. Addison, C. Tindell. THIRD ROW—L. Cole, J. Martin, T. Vesey, D. Ham, D. Cotton, W. Camron, R. Rinso, D. Wells, W. Stone, R. Durkee, B. Bickel, B. Randolph, E. Metz, M. Palacios, V. Vaccaro.



EYES AND EARS, FRONT AND CENTER

C'MON BOSSY, PLEASE COOPERATE





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ASTRONOMY CLUB
FIRST ROW—P. Flannery, H. Steven, SECOND ROW—D. Tonkin,
L. Hocker, J. Ulmer, L. Bergquist, Mr. J. Hallahan, Sponsor;
G. Green.

### DIRECTION IN NATURE WILL

#### ASTRONOMY CLUB

Ever wonder what goes on up in that vast ceiling overhead? It is the goal of the Astronomy Club to study at least the basic principles governing this "wonder of all wonders." A visit to the Griffith Observatory and fine movies served as entertainment. Several interesting demonstrations were successfully accomplished by members of the group. Leadership was furnished by Presidents Wayne Huotori and Dave Tonkin, sponsors, Mr. Ksanznak and Mr. Hallahan.

#### TROPICAL FISH CLUB

Here is one club that is interested in schools outside of school! A school of fish that is! The purpose of the Tropical Fish Club is to provide a medium for exchange of information about tropical fish and to allow the members to visit appropriate places of interest. Among such places was the Tropical Fish Hatchery, which the club, under the supervision of Mr. Vanesian and the presiding officer, Kathy Peterson, visited and where they acquired new fish for their personal collections.

TROPICAL FISH CLUB
C. Dickter, L. Gross, K. Peterson, M. Hall, Mr. Vanesian.

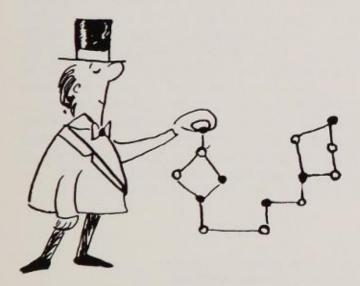




LIFE SCIENCE CLUB

FIRST ROW—R. Vanasse, S. Wolfe, B. Zucker, G. Snyder, P. Carr, Y. Anderson, C. Rankin, J. Shaper, J. Kasper, J. Walker, C. Withers, N. Biss, L. Goldman, M. Goldman, L. Olsin. SECOND ROW—C. Schmidt, L. Robbins, J. Hertzberg, L. Eddy, A. Shaw, K. Meeker, E. Thomas, I. Quenzler, D. Whyte, F. Evans, D. Grainger, M. Decker, Mr. Falb. THIRD ROW—J. Abell, S. Purdy, D. Losey, S. Garfein, M. Noble, E. Mayer, A. Jamieson, J. Sewald, A. Lewiston, C. Dirks, J. Kemp, S. Brown, J. Donally, B. Sanders.

### **FULFILL THE AIM**



#### ELECTRON CLUB

Charged with enthusiasm and the desire for learning more about science was the Electron Club. Creating interest in scientific projects, exhibits and contests was their purpose. An interesting trip to the California Institute of Technology was taken by the earnest members.

Leading the Electron Club through a successful year was President Mike Townsend, Vice-President Don Anderson, and Mr. Ward, the helpful sponsor. The Electron Club extends a welcome greeting to all students who show an interest and enjoyment in science.

#### LIFE SCIENCE CLUB

Field trips and hikes were the activities of the Life Science Club. Trail Canyon, King's Canyon, the Oceanarium and an overnight trip to Idyllwild were a few of the places they went.

Irene Quenzler, fall semester president, and Joel Shaper, spring semester president led the club through a very successful and rewarding year. Under the supervision of their sponsor, Mr. Fall, and co-sponsor, Mr. Meyer, the club fulfilled their purpose of learning through enjoyment of the outdoors. In doing this they had more field trips than any other school club in the Los Angeles area.

#### ELECTRON CLUB

FIRST ROW—G. Anderson, L. Okin, H. Frohlich, B. Rubinstein. SECOND ROW—M. Townsend, H. McWatters.



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**OPTIMATES** 

FIRST ROW—S. Brown, S. Gallup, B. Asmus, J. Fuller, H. Steven, D. Paff, C. Insul, B. Romm, J. McKanna, J. Hibbard. SECOND ROW—C. McWatters, J. Smith, M. Paskoff, M. Honigberg, S. Reznick, G. Boggs, M. Wheeler, S. Wachter, P. Nathans, S. Coppage, N. Falconer, N. Antola. THIRD ROW—H. Lazarus, N. Beaver, D. Grainger, M. Jacobsen, E. Mayer, M. Noble, J. Telljohn, M. Dodge, K. Dean, S. Jensen, S. Dorko.

### CONTROL IS THE GRACE NOTE

#### **OPTIMATES**

Led by co-consuls Pat Flannery and Jon Fuller in the winter semester and David Paff and Ruth Palmateer during the spring semester, the Optimates enjoyed a very successful year. Under the able supervision of Mrs. Opal Brown, the club members increased their knowledge of ancient times in Rome. At the bi-monthly meetings the Optimates provided entertaining programs for their fellow members.

As a goal for the year the Optimates undertook to provide an organization through which students interested in Rome or Latin could render service to the school and have the opportunity of leadership, fellowship, and activity.

#### CAMPUS CONTROL

Campus Control was organized during the spring semester, and inaugurated a new system of student regulation which protects the privileges of all. It was an organization designed so that students might participate more fully in school management. Only those students designated by other honor organizations on campus had a direct part in the new group, athough it is planned eventually to open its membership to all students of high caliber. The members were given a chance to earn service points according to the time and effort given to the job. The sponsor, Mr. Little, along with his faculty assistants, has high hopes and far reaching goals for the future of this organization.

#### CAMPUS CONTROL

FIRST ROW—B. Sanchez, C. Withers, P. McFarlen, G. Hall, G. Chapman, R. Cox, D. Hunter, J. Duncan, A. McBain, G. Barnes, G. Selders, F. Mondragon. SECOND ROW—R. Dawson, J. Binford, J. Otchis, D. Green, E. Rae, M. Davenport, S. Sledge, I. Yellin, M. Main, R. Andreasen, D. Yusyuis. THIRD ROW—G. Figelski, A. Brandli, M. Lassiter, D. Jones, C. Langford, P. Burton, S. Michler, T. Bergman, E. Mayer, M. Noble, I. Kolaitis, B. Woods, B. Sommers. FOURTH ROW—C. Ortega, D. Betts, G. Miller, B. Hurwitz, J. Schiefer, J. Hanessian, J. Kasper, L. Robbins, V. Yacullo, A. Gettelman, K. Goodall. FIFTH ROW—Mr. Hampton, Mr. Little, Mrs. Schwartz, P. Musacchio, H. Teich, K. Olson, H. Lovegren, D. Bergquist, C. Itomitsu, D. Mesirow, T. Hollander.





LOS COMPANEROS
FIRST ROW—Mrs. Gagne, J. Davidson, L. Goldman, R. Bradbury.
SECOND ROW—S. McLain, J. Weber, G. Beaufait, P. Phillipes.

### NATIONALITIES CLAIM

#### LOS COMPAÑEROS

Los Campañeros tried to promote interest in the cultural and practical aspects of Spanish in addition to creating good fellowship among Spanish students. With their competent sponsor, Mrs. Gagne, helping them, the club published a newspaper written completely in Spanish. They planned a Christmas fiesta.

During the fall semester Los Compañeros were ably headed by President Bob Zawalski and Vice-President Janice Weber. In the spring semester the group was headed by President Pete Phillipes, and Vice-President Gloria Mason. This organization gave an opportunity to all students to increase their knowledge of the Spanish language.

#### LES ELITES

Carrying on correspondence with students in France, and sending clothes to needy French families were only two of the activities of the French Club during the past year. Les Elites chose to foster an appreciation of the customs and language of the French people in addition to promoting a feeling of "camaraderie" among its members.

During the winter the club was headed by President Tee Bosustow and Vice-President June Thomas. In the summer the club was capably led by President Lynne Hutchins and Vice-President Sandy Stolurow. Much of the credit for the success of the organization must go to its fine sponsor Mrs. Holubar.

#### LES ELITES

FIRST ROW—J. Thomas, Mrs. Holubar, B. Birch, L. Hutchins, D. Blacker, D. Corbin. SECOND ROW—M. Markham, L. Weisfeld, S. Stolurow.







FIRST ROW-K. Davison, C. Luca, D. Corvin, S. Smith. SECOND ROW—S. Maddrill, J. Goldberg, J. Thomas, S. Palmer, M. Jacobsen, J. Brewer.



#### CHESS CLUB

FIRST ROW-R. Loftus, T. Parsons, H. Quince, M. Goodstein. SECOND ROW—T. Cifarelli, K. Hindus, R. Floyd, H. Lazarus, S. Orbach, D. Williams. THIRD ROW—A. Cupples, S. Seccombe, G. MacQuarie, Mr. Goodman, M. Schwab.

#### CHESS CLUB

While other clubs and organizations were busy making noise, there was one industrious club room that remained silent. Here the chess wizards came to compete with their equals. Tournaments and contests kept the members, including President Tom Parsons, well occupied.

Their sponsor, Mr. Goodman, can be proud of the members for making outstanding progress in developing their ability to play chess.

#### CAMERA CLUB

Taking a "negative" point of view all year was the active Camera Club under the sponsorship of Mr. Fellner. Working very hard to perfect their abilities as shutter bugs, were President Milford Jackson and Vice-President James Smith, presiding officers all term. They were supported by the enthusiastic members. Plans have been made to secure new and better equipment for the use of student photographers.

### ENJOYMENT AND

#### KNIT WITS

With knitting needles in hand and patterns in front of them, the Knit Wits kept busy. Their big project of this year was the knitting of two afghans for the Red Cross. Miss Benson, the sponsor, helped the girls with their knitting along with Barbara Pierson, fall semester president and Sue Maddrill, spring semester president.

CAMERA CLUB V. Mazzarino, R. Scott, J. Smith, M. Jackson.



#### RACQUET SQUAD

Enjoying a most pleasant year were the members of the Racquet Squad. From a "birdie's" eye view, the badminton courts always seemed to be in constant use, as the games between club members raged back and forth. Throughout the year the club sponsor, Mr. Whitehead, lent his support. The club was led by Joel Shaper, winter president, and Maryann Dodge, spring president.

#### RACQUET SQUAD

FIRST ROW—M. Goldman, Y. Anderson, D. Farnsworth, C. Badger, N. Graff, K. Badger, J. Telljohn. SECOND ROW—Mr. Whitehead, J. Donally, G. Beaufait, D. Anderson, J. Kasper, I. Quentzler, J. Shaper, J. Rowley, D. Taylor, A. Lewiston.



### CHEER LED THE BAND

#### MODERN JAZZ

The newest club at Van Nuys was that "crazy" new jazz club. Going along with the trend for this different music, the club specialized in "strictly modern" sounds. Joining the national organization, Jazz International, was the first step. Mr. Vanesian was the club sponsor; Mike Davenport was president. Kerri Davison and Dottic Perlmuter were secretary and corresponding secretary respectively.

#### MODERN JAZZ CLUB

KNEELING — M. Davenport, K. Davison. FIRST ROW — B. Fisher, L. Hawkins, L. Weisfeld, M. Paskoff, S. Modell, M. Melton, S. Sledge, Mr. Vanesian. SECOND ROW — D. Chamberlain, L. Newman, R. Berner, N. Bast, D. Williams, F. Celucci. THIRD ROW — B. Shumate, J. Lester, L. Oliver, B. Puleo, J. Schatan, J. Dare, C. Needham.

#### SKI CLUB

The Ski Club, besides taking trips to the snow, showed films and gave some very interesting demonstrations on how to care for the equipment needed for the sport and how to execute the ordeal of going down a mountain feet first. Naturally, this club needed some athletic leadership. Sponsor Mr. McCaffrey, President George Barnes and Vice-President Denny Powers provided this.

SKI CLUB
FIRST ROW—J. Schatan, D. Devine, C. Puleo, G. Barnes, President.
SECOND ROW—D. Powers, C. Insul, J. Lenoff, L. Johnson, S. Barr.



#### PHILHARMONIC CLUB

Under the fine guidance of their sponsor, Mr. Sayre, the Philharmonic Club helped its members to improve their listening standards. During the year the main activity of the club was attending Philharmonic Concerts. At their meetings they listened to student talent programs. Led by President Jackie Brooks and Vice-President Toni Drysdale during the winter and by President Toni Drysdale and Vice-President Jeanette Lester in the summer, the club enjoyed a very successful year and spent a worthwhile lunch hour listening to fine music.



PHILHARMONIC

FIRST ROW—T. Drysdale, J. Lester, L. Oliver, P. McFarlen, S. McDowell. SECOND ROW—L. Pack, M. Jackman, S. Lynch, C. Schmidt, J. La Salandra, A. Characky, Mr. Sayre.

#### PEGASUS FIRST ROW—J. Lester, Mr. J. Frisius, K. Marks, D. Attebery. SECOND ROW—M. Hall, K. Peterson, C. Rankin.



#### PEGASUS CLUB

Understanding poetry is quite an accomplishment, but this is what members of the Pegasus Club adopted as their purpose. With the help of their capable sponsor, Mr. Frisius, this club discussed and analyzed poetry written by their own members. The most brilliant work of the entire student body of Van Nuys was then selected by these inspired members. In the early spring their selections were published in the "Winged Pen." This club had the advantage of a very enthusiastic leadership when they chose Marion Hall for their president and Jeanette Lester for Vice-President.

## SYMBOL OF PASSAGE

#### SCRIBES

Striving to encourage and help creative writing at Van Nuys High School was the main purpose of the Scribes. Its members were encouraged to enter essay contests and to try to further the interests of creative writing.

The club was under the direction of Andi Herzberg, president in the winter, and Norman Lantz, who was the president in the spring semester. All through the year Mrs. Haggard continued her fine support.

#### SCRIBES

SEATED—B. Birch, P. McFarlen, N. Lantz, C. Clark, K. Marks, A. Herzberg. STANDING—B. Green, Mrs. P. Haggard, M. Savage.





CARTOON CLUB
FIRST ROW—S. Steffens, D. Losey, W. Timmsen, B. Zucker,
E. Majer. SECOND ROW—J. Warren, D. Hunter, J. Hertzberg, G. Lehens.

#### MASQUERS

To bestow honor upon the outstanding students in the field of drama was the purpose of the Masquers. The talented students of this club learned much from one another by working together. All of the members of the club participated in the noon readings and plays. Their main social event was a theaatre party, a delightful affair. The club was presided over by Ronnie Bast in the winter and in the summer by Hedwin Sherman. Members of the Masquers also profited greatly from the excellent sponsorship of Miss McMillan, the drama teacher.

### CULTURE AT HAND

#### ART CLUB

Beautiful displays and school service were two things in which the Art Club excelled. The members also acquired "painting pals" from foreign countries, sponsored assemblies, field trips, and all sorts of art contests, as well as awarding several scholarships. If the old proverb "practice makes perfect" is true, then the reason behind the successful completion of their many projects is understandable. This enthused group had excellent guidance from their talented sponsor, Mrs. Henning, and their officers, President Becky Johnson and Vice-President Margie Kiefer.

#### CARTOON CLUB

Relating some of the funnier sides of Van Nuys school life through drawings was the job of the talented Cartoon Club. Besides supplying the Jokers' Journal with tasty bits, the members were kept busy by field trips to U.P.A. and with plans for lectures by leading cartoonists.

Inspiring these humorists was their sponsor, Mr. Gregory. Excellent student leadership was provided the first semester by Editor Chuck Rossie, President Beth Fineburg, and Vice-President Walt Timmsen. Second semester officers were President Walt Timmsen, and Vice-President Bobbie Zucker.

#### MASQUERS

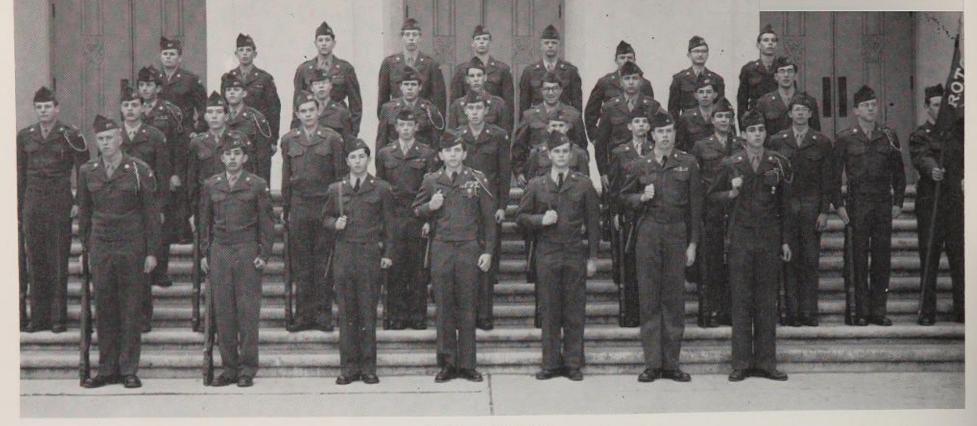
FIRST ROW—M. Heacock, R. Bast, H. Sherman, R. Pearce, L. Miller. SECOND ROW — Miss McMillan, B. Baker, B. Liberman, C. McKanna,



#### ART CLUB

FIRST ROW—M. Bluemel, J. Mayo, L. Green, S. Kenyon, P. Burton, C. Beaty, S. Spurgeon, N. Bast, N. Spurgeon. SECOND ROW—S. Smith, B. Gertsman, B. Parrish, B. Johnston, B. Balzer, J. Chancellor, K. Barrett, B. McMullen, Mrs. Henning, C. Hill. THIRD ROW—D. Gordon, J. Clary, M. Kiefer, V. Rosler, M. Koch, P. Mordecai, J. Trimble, L. Barton, S. Coleman, J. Kaempffe, P. Mayfield, K. Davidson. FOURTH ROW—L. Hutchins, S. Stolurow, A. Hamilton, P. Rousseau, J. Kingsnorth, M. Lloyd.





ROTC "A" COMPANY

FIRST ROW—H. McWatters, J. Navarro, B. Kemp, G. Rusnak, P. McClain, M. Geraghty, J. Wellcome. SECOND ROW—B. Sanders, N. Andreasen, N. Beaver, J. Bell, J. Hampton, J. Stratman, R. Smith, E. Lozear, R. Stark, K. Keppler, C. McWatters, D. Freeman. THIRD ROW—J. Lewis, L. Krum, A. Paul, B. Beneke, M. Belenson, M. Klein, G. Green, M. Hanin, R. Meyer. FOURTH ROW—D. Delaplain, J. Infaugt, A. Cupples, N. Putnam, J. Hall, J. Miller, D. Smith, J. Leighty, J. Norris.



ROTC INSTRUCTORS

Captain C. H. Lapo

M/Sgt. John Laprise

## THESE RESERVES TROD

#### ROTC "B" COMPANY

FIRST ROW—E. Fossum, G. Peterson, Q. Graham, D. Payne, D. Lienhard. SECOND ROW—D. Plummer, I. Yellin, J. Walton, J. Kroll, G. Riley, L. Jaeckel, B. Sanchez, T. Troester, R. Meyer, R. Pedulla, K. Schultz, H. Styron. THIRD ROW—P. Rux, S. Stafford, J. Whitaker, R. Marotta, J. Morrison, R. Booth, S. Wendell, R. Andreasen, W. Cottrell, J. Smith, G. Kopecky. FOURTH ROW—J. Hoskins, T. Hill, R. Johnson, K. Lavoie, J. Spicer, G. Whitney, M. Anderson, B. Rubinstein, J. Moynagh, D. Rossi, D. Dorko.



ROTC COLOR GUARD

E. Maul, S. Sponsler, J. Butler, D. Green.



ROTC BATTALION STAFF
FIRST ROW—G. Jones, J. Fuller, C. Ortega. SECOND ROW—P. Del Prato,
S. Shurtz, S. Carver, M. Rector, B. Reed.





Van Nuys High School is justifiably proud of its Reserve Officers Training Corps. The unit captured the American Legion Blue Devils' Trophy eight times, while the squad was rated as the best in the city. In the Federal Inspection held on Smith Field, our ROTC unit received a superior rating. The Rifle Team fared very well as they received a second place in the UCLA Hearst Matches, which included all high school and college ROTC units in Southern California. In individual high scores, Jerry Wright, of our Van Nuys outfit, tied for second place in the match. The members of the Drill Team have proven themselves to be high caliber performers as they have done very well in many competitive drills. The Corps was given actual combat instruction this year by twice going to Fort MacArthur on week-ends.

The Corps was under the fine instruction of Master Sergeant Laprisc and Captain Lapo. Throughout the year the unit was led by Cadet Colonel Jon Fuller, assisted by Cadet Captains George Jones and Charles Ortega.

#### ROTC DRILL TEAM

FIRST ROW — B. Reed. SECOND ROW — P. Rux, R. Stark, R. Booth, L. Krum, D. Rossi, B. Sanders, C. McWatters. THIRD ROW—J. Kroil, G. Riley, I. Yellin, B. Beneke, H. Styron, J. Walton, J. Moynagh, H. McWatters.



MARGIE TWIRLS FOR THE GIRLS
RICK AND JACKIE TALK IT OVER



### OVERTONE OF INTEREST

Greatly enjoyed by the student body this year were the many fine assemblies. Presented at least once a month, the programs provided fine entertainment for all who witnessed them.

Starting each semester, the Board of Control enacted a skit introducing each board member to the new students. In order to promote better sportsmanship, representatives from the Valley League schools participated in entertaining our students in the Exchange Assemblies. Acquainting all loyal Wolves with their athletic members was the purpose of the fall and spring rallies on Smith Field. The Boys' and Girls' Activity Boards did a splendid job in planning the assemblies for their respective student bodies. In the boys' program Gil Stratton gave a superb performance in making a humorous speech about umpiring. The girls were treated to a fashion show exhibiting the latest styles in clothes. The radio speech department, as always, produced very captivating "broadcasts." Incoming student body officers were sworn in at the Installation Assemblies, while the retiring officers had a chance to express their sentiments regarding the previous semester's challenge to an officeholder. Highlighting the termination of each semester were the Award Assemblies, in which Polynesians and Avalons received the honors earned by them in their high school days.

Each assembly was quite a project to stage this year. Due to the enormous size of the student body, it was necessary to have four performances. Coordinating and planning these interesting shows were Sandy Barr and Patty Christie. Their sponsors, Mr. Drake and Mr. Hallahan, provided excellent assistance.

TALENTED MESSENGERS OF GOOD WILL DELIVER FINE ENTERTAINMENT



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### MADE PLEASURE SUBLIME

Powers succeeds Bowers

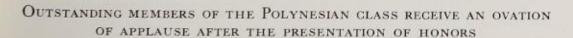


LEADERS OF THE SCHOOL ARE POISED AND READY FOR ACTION



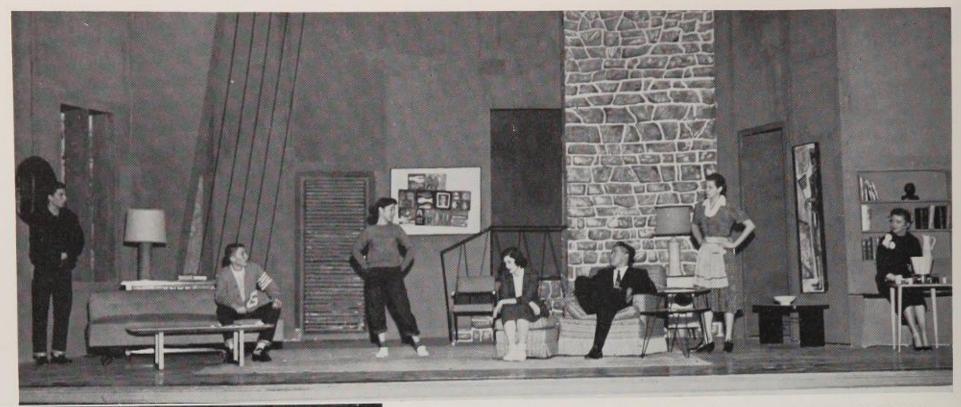
The Board members are back to their old haunts

THE LATEST IN FASHIONS IS FEATURED AT THE GIRLS' ASSEMBLY











EVERYONE IS PROVOKED BY GINGER'S LATEST ACT OF NON-CONFORMITY

HOWARD BAKER GIVES AN INTENSE ACCOUNT OF THE FOOTBALL GAME TO HIS WIFE

# NATURAL PERFORMERS

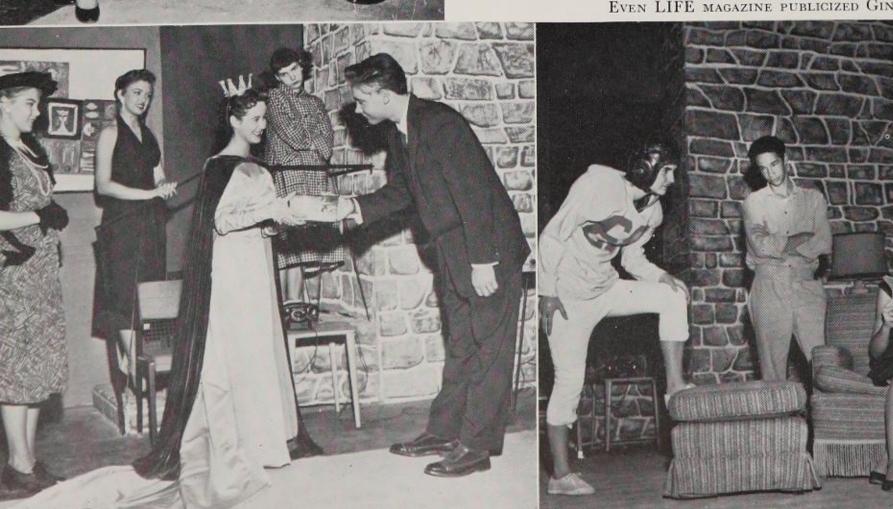
W'56 SENIOR PLAY

When Howard Carol (B. Baker) stated in a speech that girls should be allowed to do as they pleased during their gym period, he didn't realize what a dangerous explosive he had set off. That night at home he found that his two older daughters, Joan (D. Beck, G. Gerien and B. Liberman) and Jean (M. Heacock and H. Sherman) already had a petition circulating to the effect that no girl should be forced to participate in physical education. His wife, Agnes (C. Carr) stood by amused. When her younger daughter, Giner (C. McKanna and J. Olson) entered with the news that she was going out for the football team, things began to pop.

This performance was ably directed by Miss C. McMillan assisted by S. Hoffman. Due credit should be given to the Stage Crew and Stage Design groups headed by Mr. M. Gregory.

HOWARD BEAMS AS HIS OLDER DAUGHTER PREPARES TO LEAVE FOR HER APPEARANCE IN THE SENIOR PLAY

EVEN LIFE MAGAZINE PUBLICIZED GINGER'S FAME







UNCLE CHRIS IMITATES AUNT SIGRID

KATRIN PROUDLY READS HER STORY
MAMA OFFERS ADVICE TO KATRIN

### MASTERED THE LINES

S'56 SENIOR PLAY

Through the skilled use of costume and dramatic technique, the life of a Swedish family in the early 1900's was recaptured in the comedy-drama, "I Remember Mama." In a series of flashbacks, the eldest daughter, Katrin (H. Sherman) introduced Mama (L. Miller), Papa (D. Kropke and J. Gardner), Dagmar (N. Graff), Christine (M. Arnold), and Nels (S. Shurtz).

One of the lighter scenes involved Aunt Trina (C. Goodheart) and her decision to wed Mr. Thorkelson, the undertaker (F. Rowe). Aunt Sigrid and Aunt Jenny (D. Marshall and L. Holley) tease Trina at first, but then insist that Mr. Thorkelson must approach Uncle Chris (J. Kelly) in regard to the dowry.

With the excellent direction of Miss C. McMillan and the assistance of Student Director R. Kvitky, the play was a successful reproduction of the memories created when Katrin murmers "I Remember Mama."

Trina tries to say something appropriate the family looks on as Aunt Trina protects the cat





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STUDENTS ENJOY HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE

THE "HELLO" DANCE BRINGS MANY A CHEERY GREETING



### DILIGENT WORKERS

Providing a colorful atmosphere for students who attended school dances was the job of the Dance Committee, sponsored by Mr. Charles Ham. Activities of the committee included decorating the gym, working in the coat room and at the coke bar, and assisting with clean-up the morning after the festivities. Officers during the fall semester were Bob Cox, president; DeAnne Stokes, vice-president; Sandy Barr, recording secretary; Jane Runnels, corresponding secretary; Don Hunter, treasurer. Presiding over the committee in the spring was DeAnne Stokes. Other officers were Gary Beaufait, vice-president; Laura Jo Combs, recording secretary; Jane Runnels, corresponding secretary, and Cricket Langford, treasurer.

FUN IS INFORMAL DURING THE "HOLIDAY OF HEARTS."





SPORTS NIGHT COMMITTEE
FIRST ROW—A. Herzberg, L. Gross, C. Rossie, J. Myers, N. Biss, L. Goldman. SECOND ROW—D. Good, J. Berkshire, B. Cheng.

## PROVIDED SHARP TIMES

During the evenings small games such as volleyball, bad-minton and ping pong were played at the sports nights. Due to the work of the Sportsnight Committee, these evenings of recreation were a success. Mr. C. Ham sponsored the group this year and was in charge of scheduling the dates on which events were held. Charles Rossie was the president of the committee this year. Aiding him in the coordination of activities were Marion Goldman, vice-president; Linda Gross, corresponding secretary; Julie Jurras, recording secretary; Jean Berkshire, service secretary; Jim Rossie, sergeant-at-arms; Meta Bowman, treasurer, and Dan Eastman, historian. Services such as sponsoring the jazz concert in January and supervising Mardi Gras celebrations in the fall and spring were rendered by the Sportsnight Committee.

CAROL RANKIN AND JAY HOSLER EXERCISE THE GRAY MATTER

It's Ronnie Kramer and his Crazy Cats Jivin' around

BADMINTON ENTHUSIASTS WATCH THE "BIRDIE"







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#### VANNETTES

FIRST ROW—C. Chevalier, Y. Anderson, D. Stuart, P. Smith, T. Williams, S. McDowell. SECOND ROW—T. Trau, S. Traw, T. Drysdale, D. Roscoe, C. Henricks, J. Hopfner.

## VOCAL DEVELOPMENT

#### VANNETTES

Organized to present music requiring a relatively small group of girls whose voices harmonize, the Vannettes have been very active. Early in the year they represented Van Nuys High in an exchange assembly at Reseda. The Vannettes represented the Girls' Glee Club on the televised program "Spotlight on Youth." Twice during the year they were the group who taught the new B-10's our school songs. Under the excellent direction of Mrs. Kautzenbach, the Vannettes presented very entertaining music at many activities.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB Sixth Period



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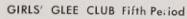
GIRLS' GLEE CLUB First Period

## PRODUCED IN VARIATION

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Meeting in four sections each day, the Girls' Glee Club was very active this year. They participated in the Christmas Program, which was presented to the student body in assemblies and for the community at a night performance. Concluding with the beloved "Night Before Christmas," the program left pleasant memories.

During the spring semester, under the direction of Mrs. Kautzenbach, the Glee Club participated as the guest of KFI Broadcasting Station on the program "Young America Sings." Attending musical festival contests at Reseda and Franklin High Schools, the group sang three numbers in conjunction with groups from neighboring schools. In each event the group received a very high rating. Appreciation goes to the girls, their accompanists, and to Mrs. Kautzenbach for a wonderful year.





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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB Fourth Period

#### LOBOS

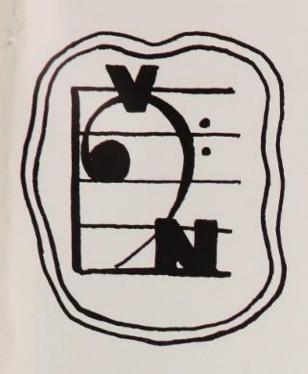
Barbershop, western and spiritual music have been keeping our singing Lobos busy this year. The boys entertained at the San Fernando Valley Chapter of "The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America." An editor of Westunes Magazine, impressed by their performance, did an article on the Lobos, which gave them much publicity. Organized under the leadership of Mr. Depue, they are the present city champions in barbershop singing, an honor which they were again awarded this year.

LOBOS

FIRST ROW—I. Halpern, B. Duncan, J. Laverty, S. O'Brien, E. Weber.

SECOND ROW—G. Pryor, B. Nesbitt, A. Erickson,





# **EXECUTION WITH SYNCOPATION**

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

Under the direction of Mr. Anson Depue, the Van Nuys Boys' Glee Club performed on many different occasions. The Glee Club presented a program at a Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting and gave an entertaining assembly during the spring semester at Van Nuys Junior High. They also took part in the Christmas program presented at Van Nuys High.

Performing on the KFI Broadcast, "Young America Sings," the boys experienced the same hard work and fun the Girls' Glee had earlier in the semester. The organizations in the Music Department combined for a "Spring Sing" in which they did a new arrangement of the old favorite, "Dry Bones."

Mr. Depue and the boys go at it in a real jam session

BOYS' GLEE CLUB



## INSTRUMENTS IN FIGURATION



VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

#### VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Highlighting the '55-'56 season of the Van Nuys High School Orchestra was their Fifth Annual Winter Concert. The program, unique among high schools in our area, was composed of orchestral music. The soloist was Laurie Blaine, flutist, and the featured number was "The Plow that Broke the Plains." Other activities of the orchestra during the year included the playing at intermissions for the Scnior Plays and participating at the District Festival. Presidents this year were Ron Roth and Mitzi Kryder; serving as student directors were Al Imbach and Sue Hollingworth. Thanks to the excellent direction of Mr. Weinstein, Van Nuys had an outstanding orchestra.

#### VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Organized primarily to be of service to the school, the Van Nuys High School Band took a very important part in many campus functions. During the fall, its main purpose was to perform with the Girls' Drill Team at half-times of the football games. Instructors and members of the Band worked with the Drill Team Captains in originating the clever themes used. Pep rallies were also dependent on the music of the Band. One of the events the Band participated in during the year, under the excellent guidance and direction of Mr. Weinstein, was the High School Band Day at U.C.L.A. Presidents were Steve Hinton and Frank Perry. Joe Abell was drum major.

VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL BAND



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MAY PRINCESSES

FIRST ROW—C. Spicer, K. McCarty, K. Williams.

SECOND ROW—L. Blaine, C. McGalliard, S. Wingert, M. Mercer, L. Gainor, T. Trau, D. Ward, P. Christie.

## BEAUTY HERALDS PRESENTATION

"Sweeter than springtime" were the lovely young princesses that promenaded before the girls who conferred upon them the honor of membership in the Queen's Court. Excitement mounted as they walked down the aisle in their beautiful formals. When the royal proclamation was issued, Queen Soo-Jan Jue accepted the crown with pleasure.

For the enjoyment of the Queen, her princesses, and the Girls' Student Body of Van Nuys High, versatile young performers put on a wonderful show. Entertainment ranged from graceful dances to melodious singing. After the unforgettable May Day celebration everyone agreed that this was an event in the finest of school traditions.

#### MAY PRINCESSES FIRST ROW—M. Lassiter, M. Sweeney, D. Beck, S. Hoffman, A. Chaney. SECOND ROW—C. O'Sullivan, S. Jue, Y. Luaces, C. Langford, J. Bertotti, J. Hall, S. Barr.





Jane Whitmore, W'56 Edtior



Steve Mezger, S'56 Editor; Mr. R. Dohan, Sponsor.



## PRESSES HUM WITH DAILY NEWS

W'56 MIRROR STAFF

FIRST ROW—E. Gould, P. Phillipes, S. Burnham, M. McFadden, C. Carr, J. Whitmore, R. Goldman. SECOND ROW—C. Koster, C. Lava, M. Lassiter, J. Miller, T. Trau, C. Langford, R. Berner.



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S'56 MIRROR STAFF
FIRST ROW—E. Gould, M. Lassiter, C. Koster, E. Majer, K. Marks, SECOND ROW—M. Markham, L. Fromm, H. Penney, J. Miller, D. Lee, R. Goldman, S. Burnham, P. Phillipes, THIRD ROW—S. Mezger, L. Goldstein, T. Trau.

This year the Van Nuys High School Mirror, published weekly, proved to be interesting and provocative. During the fall semester, Jane Whitmore held the position of editor-inchief and was assisted by Mike McFadden, feature editor; Steve Mezger, sports editor, and Carolyn Carr, managing editor. The Journalism Staff was supervised by Mrs. Marjorie Geiler during the fall semester and Mr. Richard Dohan in the spring semester. Ernie Gould, feature editor for the spring semester, originated a column, containing sidelights and comments on life at Van Nuys High, entitled "Running Commen-

tary." Featuring the latest in fashion and style was the weekly object of Hi Fashion, handled by Carla Hoffman.

Steve Mezger served as editor-in-chief during the spring semester. Other staff members who served during the second half of the school year were Ernie Gould, feature editor; Pete Phillipes and Spike Burnham, co-sports editors, and Leona Goldstein, managing editor. Finances were balanced by DeAnne Stokes for the year. Combining ability and efficiency, the Mirror Staff produced a newspaper that was enjoyable as well as informative.

Members of the W'56 staff try to complete their stories before the deadline

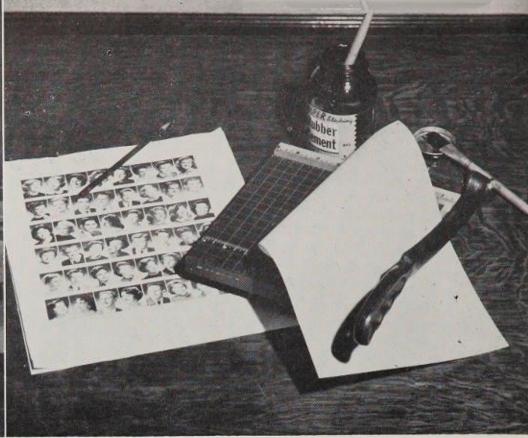
Assignments are distributed by Rita among columnists and reporters







ART STAFF
D. Duncan, H. Cannon.



A "STILL LIFE" PORTRAIT SHOWS HOW THE STAFF CAN GUM UP THE WORKS

## COLLECTED ROUND

ANNUAL STAFF
M. Lewis, W. McPheeters, J. Weissman, G. Beaufait, J. Otchis, K. Meeker, S. Aronin, M. Cozad, D. Duncan, Mrs. Price, S. Eble, D. Mesirow, D. Svikhart.







Serena Eble Editor

SENIOR EDITORS
W. McPheeters, K. Meeker, D. Mesirow.

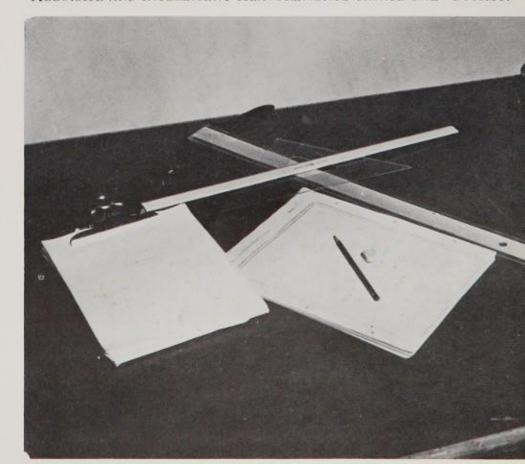
## OF REMINISCENT VIEWS

Variations on high school life were recorded by the Annual Staff and presented with music as the theme for 1956. The duties of Editor-in-chief were efficiently carried out by Serena Eble, who organized the material with experienced hands. Mary Lou Cozad served as secretary for the second year. David Mesirow held the position of Sports Editor, with Jerry Otchis assisting. Editors of various sections included Wally McPheeters, seniors; Karin Meeker, features and copy; Jerry Weissman, clubs, and Mary Ellen Lewis, underclassmen. Gathering and compiling information about noon clubs on campus was the responsibility of Gary Beaufait and Sandi Aronin. Kathy Marks worked on features. Diane Duncan contributed exceptional art work throughout the annual, and assisted with features as well. Cartoons by Hanna Cannon added a touch on the lighter side.

As an attempt on the part of the staff to produce a complete picture of the events of the year at Van Nuys High, attention was focused upon a greater variety of activities and classes. Staff members extended their appreciation to Mr. Brown for his excellent management of sales. Special thanks go to Mrs. Price, sponsor of the annual, for the guidance and suggestions offered to those who collected and organized material for the year book.



ACCURATE AND INTELLIGENT MEASUREMENTS CREATE THE "DUMMY."



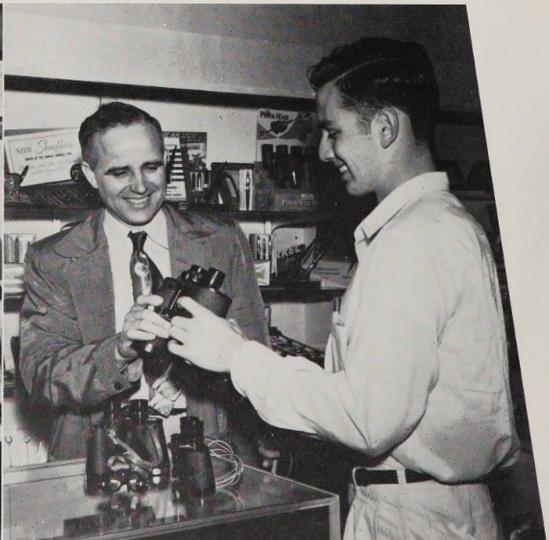


Trying on a beautiful summer dress, Bonnie received helpful advice from the sales clerk at **LE VINES**, 6506 Van Nuys Blvd., the shop where many teenagers stop to buy their clothes for numerous and varied occasions. Marlyn, while helping Bonnie select her dress, tried on a very smart pair of Capri pants with a matching jacket and a stunning striped tee shirt that set off the outfit.

Diane and her friend, feeling the sewing urge, decided to make a new summer dress. The girls, particular about their clothes, received assistance from Mr. Gee at **HOME FABRICS**, 6508 Van Nuys Blvd. They appeared to be quite pleased with the selection of very pretty materials. Could it be that they had a special pattern in mind?

GLEN D. MEYER JEWELER, 6577 Van Nuys Blvd., is the place where many students admire the fine jewelry when they look for graduation gifts for their friends. Quite a few parents are also seen here buying gifts for important occasions. Another featured attraction of interest to high school students is the many beautiful styles in friendship, engagement and wedding rings.





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Bonnie had a soiled jacket and a pair of Capri pants covered with mud from a snow fight, so she decided to take them to **BUTLER'S CLEANERS**, 5905 Van Nuys Blvd. There she met her friend, Diane, picking up a freshly cleaned suit. Through excellent service many high school friends have been made by Butler's.





Three very pleased Van Nuys students were found at WILSON'S, 6365 Van Nuys Blvd. Enid discovered a dress she liked, but Dorothy had a bit of trouble making up her mind, so Ronny's advice was quite welcome. The dress she considered was a beautiful, sleeveless, lacy party dress appropriate for sunny days or early summer evenings.

For work on a school project, John examined materials he needed at the OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY, 6259 Van Nuys Blvd. Ronny came along since he was also in need of some supplies. The Office Supply Company receives much student business from those needing extra study materials that they cannot find on campus. The friendly service is very popular with teenagers.

Karin and Jean decided to try their hand at some weekend fishing and see if all the stories about the catch were true. They went to the PAY-N-SAVE HARD-WARE AND SPORTING GOODS, 6219 Van Nuys Blvd., to receive friendly advice. Look closely! That's a fishing pole Karin is holding, not a butterfly net!







Seen with a dreamy, far-away look in their eyes, were Jim and George at CASA DE CADILLAC, 14401 Ventura Blvd. Jim, unable to restrain himself, had to hop in a Cadillac, sit behind the wheel, and get the feel of the car. George looked on anxiously awaiting his turn, as he admired the fine lines and beautiful color.

Kathy and Barbara, very curious as to how CRITERION LETTERS AND SWEATERS, 4507 Van Nuys Blvd., makes sweaters, were shown some of the machinery used in the operation. Many school organizations as well as the senior classes, depend on Criterion for their sweaters.

BUTLER BROTHERS, 6609 Van Nuys Blvd., the complete department store, has everything for the family. In their extensive furniture department they have a large number of cedar chests, one of which is admired by Darlene Gordon and Pat Rousseau. S & H Green Stamps give purchases double value.





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Admiring the beautiful display of engagement rings at MARK JEWELERS, 6405 Van Nuys Blvd., were Barbara Renner and Linn Ritter. Mark's fine selection of rings and watches, along with jewelry of all types for any occasion, has made it the destination of Van Nuys students and Valley residents whenever they are looking for a distinctive gift.



"he says he wants a Big Boy hamburger too"

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#### a Van Nuys tradition



BOB'S, 5355 Van Nuys Blvd., is the destination of loyal Wolves after a football or base-ball game, after a movie, or any time a student wants to enjoy good food with fast service. When a Van Nuys student hears these words, "Big Boy," he thinks of the delicious, double-deck hamburgers, for which Bob's is justly famous. Bob's Van Nuys is one of the many Bob's restaurants in this area famous for good food. For the past twenty years the statement, "Let's go to Bob's tonight," has been a household expression in Southern California.

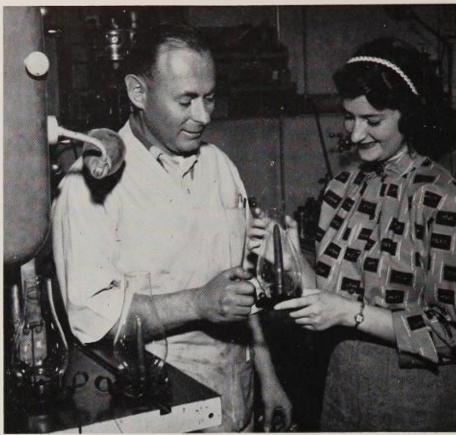


At BUSH'S VAN NUYS STATIONERY, 6314 Van Nuys Blvd., smart Van Nuys students know they can find everything in the way of school supplies plus a complete selection of greeting cards. Bush's also carries typewriters, draftsman's tools, art equipment, and everything for the office. Pat Morgan appears to have found just the notebook she needed from Bush's extensive notebook section.

To every smart buyer, **KINNEY SHOES**, 8421 Van Nuys Blvd., is known for a complete selection of beautiful footwear. Here the courteous salesman showed Serena Eble the perfect shoe for her new spring outfit. Kinney's features beautiful, high-quality shoes for the entire family.







At OTTO'S PINK PIG RESTAURANT, 4954 Van Nuys Blvd., Jon Anderson and Diane Duncan examined the menu. The Pink Pig is one of the best known restaurants in the Valley and has an excellent reputation for serving the finest food from an after-the-party snack to a complete dinner. It is so popular that you seldom find more than two or three booths unoccupied, yet there is never more than a short wait.

At CARL TOOL AND MANUFACTURING COM-PANY, 14428 Oxnard, Sandi Aronin interestedly watched while a skilled craftsman made a lamp. Carl's also makes different dies, and they are known for their ability to make the right one for any job. Smart manufacturers know that they get quality work at reasonable prices at Carl's.

Among printers, MURRAY & GEE, 3630 Eastham Drive, Culver City, has maintained an excellent reputation throughout the years for doing the finest printing, and publishing of any firm in Southern California. Now in its thirty-second year, Murray & Gee prints many high school yearbooks from schools in Southern California; for the past several years they have maintained the high quality of our own Crimson and Gray. This firm does all kinds of printing for both commercial firms and private parties. The quality work done has made them synonymous with fine printing.









Visiting RYDER'S, 6453 Van Nuys Blvd., were Serena and Sally. Here they admired some of the beautiful clothing in stock. Famous for wearing apparel, Ryder's is the name for fashion. Here we can find casual wear as well as something formal for that big date. Select designs and colors fabricated into fascinating apparel make a definite choice difficult.

Trying to decide what material to use for making draperies were the two Lynnes. To solve the problem they visited MARY'S DRAP-ERY SHOP, 4935 Van Nuys Blvd. Custom made draperies, curtains, bedspreads, and slip covers are the specialties there. Only the finest materials are used in making these quality products.





Located at 8526 Van Nuys Blvd., PANO-RAMA STATIONERS hold the distinction of having "everything for the office." Dianne and Nancy examined a vast variety of pens and pencils. An entire stock of school supplies as well as greeting cards for all occasions are available.





Established in Van Nuys for over fifteen years, the VAN NUYS GLASS COMPANY, 6225 Van Nuys Blvd., was where Larry and Marvin watched a sliding window being demonstrated. The slogan, "glass for all purposes," makes this business firm famous for everything in the field of glass. The best bet is Van Nuys Glass Company!

At BONES HAMILTON BUICK, 5747 Van Nuys Blvd., Dan and Gary viewed the graceful lines and fascinating colors of a brand new Buick. Here, assurance of satisfaction is guaranteed. Service to any car, no matter what age, make, or model, may be obtained in their capable service department. Reliable and skilled mechanics are always in attendance. Go in and see the all-new Buick for 1956.



Not only is COWDREY'S PHARMACY, 6350 Van Nuys Blvd., noted for its pharmaceutical products, but also for its wide variety of exotic perfumes. Featured here are cosmetics for women and toiletries for men. Chris and Connie found a quick decision very difficult to make.

Synonymous with fine photography is **GRANT STUDIO**, 14625 Victory Blvd. The familiar, smiling photographer and proprietor, Mr. Grant Lippert, may be seen busily developing negatives into beautiful portraits. Glamour, color, and commercial photography, wedding pictures, portraits of adults and of children are available here at reasonable fees.



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A fine variety of industrial and commercial electric motors may be purchased at WALMAC ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, 5923 Kester Ave. Here Wally and Dave examined a condenser type motor. Quick service for such motors as Wagner, Delco, Sterling, and General Electric is immediately obtainable. The repairing of pumps and generators is also expertly done.

At SHERMAN OAKS DEPARTMENT STORE, 14564 Ventura Blvd., Barbara and Madeleine examined one of the many blouses found there. A complete line of wearing apparel is available. The department store has a reputation for excellence and dependability. A wide line of products plus courteous attention give this store a fine name in the community.

At MARLOWE'S WOMEN'S APPAREL, 8538 Van Nuys Blvd., Lynne and Nola admired the beautiful Lanz dresses sold there. The latest and gayest styles are always waiting for inspection. Well known for smart clothing, Marlowe's is a very popular shopping center of the Van Nuys students. Exclusive wearing apparel for every season may be obtained.



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# NOTES AND SIGNATURES

Dear Sally Through the years we have been the best of friends. Lince I have known you many things have happened. You have never let me down at any time. You have not only been the truest friend, but you have been the truest person I have ever known. I know that our friendship will never end. We will always be the best of friends. You are now through with Van Nerys High and you are going to college you should know by now that if you ever need me you can count on me. I wish you the best of luck that any one ever had. To me bally you are a sister of always wented a sister many age and I don't think I could ever find a better one. Sally I hope you never change because if you do you well lose the, honesty and sincerity and sweetness which you have.

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